Join the coalition of land owners and managers in the Cedar Rapids and Marion area that are growing vegetables for the neediest members of our community.

Dedicated to confronting nutrient deficiency today and tomorrow by growing food and farmers, Feed Iowa First raises wholesome, top-quality, fresh food and delivers it to those in need. We also offer opportunities for beginning farmers to get started.

Feed Iowa First works to follow the natural cycle—from seed to table, through planting, growth, and harvest—and discover how you can combat food insecurity in Iowa by helping Feed Iowa First raise food and farmers.
URBAN FARMS
Feed Iowa First seeks to partner with numerous types of partners with land access: faith based and community organizations, corporate businesses, homesteads and institutional amenities of all scales.

FOOD ACCESS
There are 26,000 people in Linn County that are nutrient deficient: In order for Linn County to feed itself, it requires 65,000 100 ft. rows of produce. The land that is developed, is dependent on volunteers to support the effort. The amount of land in production is determined by the number and experience of volunteers at each site. An experienced volunteer could manage up to a 100' row.

90% of Iowa is nutrient deficient: we’re working to Feed our Iowa

PARTNERSHIP
REQUIREMENTS:
Application Due: 1st week of April
Must identify a Site Coordinator
*Duties include:
  Primary contact
  Management of volunteers
  Set-up field days
Minimum 100’ of available land
Work plan for produce donations

BENEFITS:
  Direction on use of equipment
  Training Programs:
    - Prep | Harvest | Food safety
  Partner with beginning farmers
  Assistance with land preparation
  Access to seeds and plants

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
GOAL: 500 ACRES OF LAND IN PRODUCTION BY 2030
2011: 1/2 ACRE
2012: 5 ACRES
2013: 10 ACRES
2014: 25 ACRES
2015 + BEYOND: ...

WHAT WILL YOU CONTRIBUTE?

How much can you grow in 100’ row?

Pounds of produce / 100 foot row

- Tomatoes: 150 #
- Squash: 200 #
- Green Beans: 80 #