



Veggie Van FAQ

What is the Veggie Van?

The Veggie Van is a donation-based market that carries locally-grown fruits and veggies 10 months out of the year. Our goal is to improve access to fresh, local produce in rural Southeastern Ohio. Community Food Initiatives piloted the Veggie Van in 2020 with support from multiple Athens County based organizations working for healthy communities and a thriving sustainable, equitable local food system. Some of the key collaborators include the Creating Healthy Communities Coalition, Rural Action, HAPCAP, and the Athens County Public Library system.

In order to support equitable access this fresh, local, food, Veggie Van customers pay whatever they're able. Firmly based in our vision for a thriving and just local food system, the Veggie Van offers locally-grown produce in exchange for any level of donation. All unsold produce is distributed to our food pantry partners, and all donations support food purchase and distribution. This model supports our local farmers while also ensuring that fresh, local fruits and veggies are accessible for all.

When and Where?

Glouster Memorial Park

Fridays, 3:30-5:30pm

Coolville

Details TBD

Nelsonville

Details TBD

Amesville

Details TBD

Chauncey

Details TBD



What do I get?

Every week, Veggie Van offers high-quality vegetables and fruit grown by local farmers. Produce changes weekly based on the season. Check out this great seasonal chart by our partners at the Chesterhill Produce Auction!

How much does it cost?

We want to make sure everyone has access to this fresh, local, food, so Veggie Van customers pay what they can.

Where does the produce come from?

Our produce comes from the Athens Farmers Market and Chesterhill Produce Auction. Because everything we offer is grown locally, our supply is always fresh and varies with the season. We can't say that we source organic produce whenever possible.

What is the Veggie Van Study?

The University at Buffalo (UB) is leading a study to learn about what people eat and where people shop for food in their neighborhoods. They are partnering with local organizations that are running or planning to run a mobile produce market in various communities. Participants can receive up to \$60 in gift cards for completing 3, 30-minute surveys over the phone, now and a year from now. If possible, participants may also be invited to attend a community event where people from UB will measure your height and weight. The study will help us make the Veggie Van better! [Sign up today!](#)

For more information, contact study@myveggievan.org.