

A close-up photograph of two hands holding a rustic, reddish-brown ceramic bowl filled with several bright red cherry tomatoes. The hand on the right is wearing a light-colored, textured gardening glove with blue polka dots. The background is a soft-focus green field. A white rectangular box with a black border is centered over the bowl, containing the text 'FOUND' in a large, black, serif font, and 'GATHERING + SHARING FORGOTTEN FOOD' in a smaller, black, sans-serif font below it.

FOUND

GATHERING + SHARING
FORGOTTEN FOOD

What is FOUND Forgotten Food?



FOUND strives to reduce food waste by gathering and sharing forgotten fruits and vegetables in Nova Scotia.

We source our food from local producers, farmers' markets, and locally owned urban gardens that otherwise wouldn't end up on our plates.

All too often, foods that are considered 'imperfect' are left in the field to rot, and ripe produce at farmers' markets is thrown away due to short shelf life.

A hand is holding a large, light-brown potato with several smaller tubers attached to its top. The background is a blurred field of brown earth under a pale sky. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

FOUND began as an idea in 2014

while Laurel and Lindsay were

completing their Masters degrees

at Dalhousie University

We saw a need to reduce food waste

on local farms and a need for

fresh food in local food banks

FOUND receives food in three ways

Harvesting leftovers
on farms

Farmers'
Markets

Homeowner
Gardens

Food collected is divided into two categories

Fresh Produce

Not as Fresh Produce

Food Banks

Sold to restaurants
+ wholesalers

Made into
Shelf Stable Preserves

Most of the food
collected gets donated!

This helps us make money
to support the organization



In 2016, FOUND collected 3,242lbs of forgotten food from farms, farmers' markets, and backyard gardens



While FOUND is the first food waste organization in Halifax, many similar organizations exist across North America in response to a growing concern over the amount of food being wasted

In 2016, FOUND conducted a research study in partnership with Dalhousie University that found 94 food sharing organizations in North America





Top 5 barriers for food sharing organizations

#1 Liability

#2 Time

#3 Negative Stigma

#4 Disinterest from partner

#5 Cost to partner

85% of food sharing organizations indicated that the community's supportive response to food recovery work has been a primary motivator for large company donations



Our Plans Moving Forward

Gain access to a truck or trailer to transport more food

Find more food producers, homes, community groups, and businesses to donate food

As FOUND is a fully volunteer run organization, funding and sustainability are a concern

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