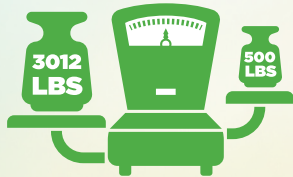# Edible Campus

Edible Campus is an ambitious collaboration between NIU units and external partners. It includes NIU faculty, staff and students, community members, area high schools, and local businesses.

Our gardens provide nutritious food for the NIU community. They also serve as a living laboratory for food systems research, helping to prepare our students for careers that make a positive difference.

At a Glance

FOOD PRODUCED

3012 pounds from the market garden *(Goes to Dining Services and Food Pantry)*

500 pounds from the free Pick and Go gardens

Pick and Go

ENGAGEMENT

87 Volunteer Workers

$73,000 from eight different donations

14 External Partners

14 Academic Programs

$5,400 Raised at our Fundraising Dinner *Split with the Food Pantry*

MEAL PREP PROGRAM

430 Meals Fall 2023

450 Meals Spring 2024

DEMOGRAPHICS Spring 2024

84 Students

61 Females

23 Males

Nearly **2/3** from diverse communities

63% Live on campus   **32%** use the Food Pantry

Only **25%** have access to a kitchen

66% do not have access to 3 meals a day

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