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## **AMPLEHARVEST.ORG INVITES HOME/COMMUNITY GARDENERS TO PARTICIPATE IN GARDEN FOOD WASTE SURVEY**

**Asking the question: How much more do you grow than you can use.**

### **For Immediate Release**

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AmpleHarvest.org, the nationwide program linking millions of home and community gardeners who have grown too much food with a nearby food pantry, invites gardeners to participate in an online survey at [www.AmpleHarvest.org/survey](http://www.AmpleHarvest.org/survey) as part of a look at how much locally grown fresh food is not being consumed.

According to AmpleHarvest.org Founder and Executive Director Gary Oppenheimer, “we did a similar survey last year and were stunned by the numbers - so much so that it was decided to repeat the survey with an even larger number of gardeners to help validate what we saw last year. We are asking about their gardening environment, size of their harvest in 2015, and some general demographic information. The results of the survey will be made public after it is completed”.

“The USDA, the NRDC (Natural Resource Defense Council) and most recently, a report from ReFED point to the huge amount of farm to table food loss America suffers every year – impacting hunger, the environment and the nation’s health. What has been missing is data on the food loss in America’s 42 million home and community garden plots,” noted Oppenheimer. “This additional loss increases the size of the problem, but also the size of the solution.”

The survey will remain live through April 30, 2016 and is open to any grower, large or small, in the United States.

AmpleHarvest.org, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501c3 organization which works to diminish food waste and hunger in America by educating, encouraging and empowering growers to easily find a local food bank eager to receive the excess garden bounty. For more information on the campaign, visit [www.AmpleHarvest.org/presskit](http://www.AmpleHarvest.org/presskit) or call AMPLE-6-9880 (267-536-9880).

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