

## HIGHLIGHT

### Beans from research to the community



(Above left (L-R):Jeanene Moore and Andy Bary take a break to talk about their successful working partnership; (middle): green beans from the research plots; (at right): gleaners in the field.)

This summer, as the first set of crops came in from organic research plots shepherded by Craig Cogger, Andy Bary and Liz Myhre, quantitative data from the first harvest provided valuable information about soil productivity and yield variations. But once that was done, the WSU Puyallup fields became a beneficial food source for local food banks, community outreach services and the Emergency Food Network.



Jeanene Moore (pictured above with Andy Bary) is with the Tacoma Community Outreach group which was founded in 1990 by Steven Garrett at WSU. Moore's group consists of volunteers who assist Bary and Cogger with yield determination and work throughout the Puyallup valley, "gleaning" fields after the preliminary harvest. The gleaners go over fields and gather any remaining produce that can be used, delivering it to social service organizations and local food banks. Bary also works with volunteer college students and Pierce County District Court workers who pick produce for the Emergency Food Network

(Inset: (top) two test plots with different results; (bottom) Andy Bary ( right) and Craig Cogger weigh produce for yield analysis.)

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