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**LT. GOVERNOR MOLLY GRAY TO VISIT SALVATION FARMS AND PARTNER
LOCATIONS TO BUILD SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURAL SURPLUS
MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS**

What: Lt. Governor Molly Gray will visit Salvation Farms, and their partner organizations Pete's Greens and the Vermont Studio Center, to recognize and build support for the critical role agricultural surplus management plays in Vermont's food system and the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change. Unmitigated climate change will, and the COVID-19 pandemic has increased food insecurity in Vermont. Unmarketable farm surplus exceeds two million pounds annually in Vermont and, at best, only 12% of this resource is currently being captured. Salvation Farms is working to create a statewide blanket of gleaning initiatives, to increase Vermont's capacity to capture greater volumes of farm fresh surplus by supporting organizations as they develop and manage effective gleaning programs that serve some of our most vulnerable neighbors. Strong support for agricultural surplus management programs, alongside federal USDA and state programs, will help ensure Vermont is enhancing local food systems while increasing waste prevention and serving our neighbors in need.

Lt. Governor Gray will be joined by Salvation Farms Executive Director Theresa Snow and in addition to Salvation Farms, will visit Pete's Greens for surplus produce sorting and the Vermont Studio Center for surplus crop processing.

Monday, March 7, 2022: Members of the press are welcome at any of the stops and are kindly asked to RSVP to Andrew.Gillespie@Vermont.gov

11:30am – 12:30am	Pete's Greens: 266 South Craftsbury Road, Craftsbury 05826 Lt. Governor Gray and Salvation Farms Executive Director Theresa Snow will visit Salvation Farms' partner organization Pete's Greens for surplus produce sorting.
1:00pm – 1:45pm	Salvation Farms Barn: 110 Portland St, Morristown, VT 05661

	Facility tour with United Way of Lamoille County Co-Director Ellen Hill.
2:00pm – 3:00pm	<p>Vermont Studio Center: 80 Pearl St, Johnson, VT 05656</p> <p>Lt. Governor Gray and Salvation Farms Executive Director Theresa Snow will visit Salvation Farms' partner organization the Vermont Studio Center for surplus crop processing.</p>

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