To address questions surrounding the availability of fresh produce data addressing these would be helpful (even if educated guesses):

* what are the *volumes* of materials that go through the food banks, pantries etc both in and out
* What are the *types* of items are received by local farms?
* What *types of produce items* are donated (and what times of the year) to the food bank?
  + this would help us get (in combo with the volume data) when the demands are highest and how the supply may match with that
* Do farms give to the bank or *local pantries*
  + this will let us ask questions about partnerships and existing infrastructure...as well as costs
* How much food is *left in the fields* each year?
  + this represents a potential loss that can be captured. Interesting to add in where are local student groups (scouts, youth groups, high schools/middle schools) in relation to these fields
* What foods are harvested at what time of year
  + again, gives better availability information than the farmer’s market chart
* How do banks and pantries store food? What is the *cost* of this storage, transportation?
  + would it be better to have foods go to pantries? is there need for additional distribution or holding facilities for banks which cover a large area? is the cost of storage or the loss from spoilage making it so the food bank should reject some donations?
* What *types* of fresh produce tend to go first at the distribution sites?
  + What characteristics do these items share? how do they relate to what is available

Challenges with existing data

* food bank file didnt appear to be complete-> manually added in the location for the durham branch of the food bank
* Didnt have what things were actually available at the farmer’s markets or the size of the markets
  + some of the markets convert to only crafts and preserved foods in the winter

Things in available data we didn't use but could

* Indicating what food banks were serving what pantries
* the SES of the tracts surrounding each pantry and farm
* days of the week/times the farmer’s markets were available

Extra data sources

* when produce are available (took a subset of this infromation): http://www.ncagr.gov/markets/chart.htm