



# Sustainability & Resiliency at Knox

## 2025 Annual Report



At Knox, we're committed to nurturing a culture of social and environmental responsibility that inspires a commitment to greater resilience on our campus, in our community, and in the world.

In 2025, we completed writing Knox's first Sustainability and Resiliency Action Plan and increased our commitment to renewable energy by installing a 77.7kWh DC solar array at the new Green Oaks Knight Living Learning Center. We significantly increased our volunteer participation at the Knox Farm and in our educational campaign on waste diversion in our 3-way waste systems, expanded our Community Composting Program, and hosted many exciting workshops and events! This report highlights Knox's 2025 sustainability and resiliency achievements.

# Research and Curricular Engagement



S4S, the Office of Sustainability, and FRN volunteers conduct waste audits to assess contamination in the waste stream



3  
waste audits

Students in Urban Agriculture learn how to grow shiitake mushrooms



1  
new rain garden

Biophilic and Resilient Design students design a rain garden



30+  
student research projects focused on sustainability

Students study a wide range of topics, including how bioplastics decompose in small-scale compost systems (left) and how to tap trees on campus to make maple syrup (right)



Volunteers Plant fruit trees and shrubs in the Knox Farm's edible forest garden



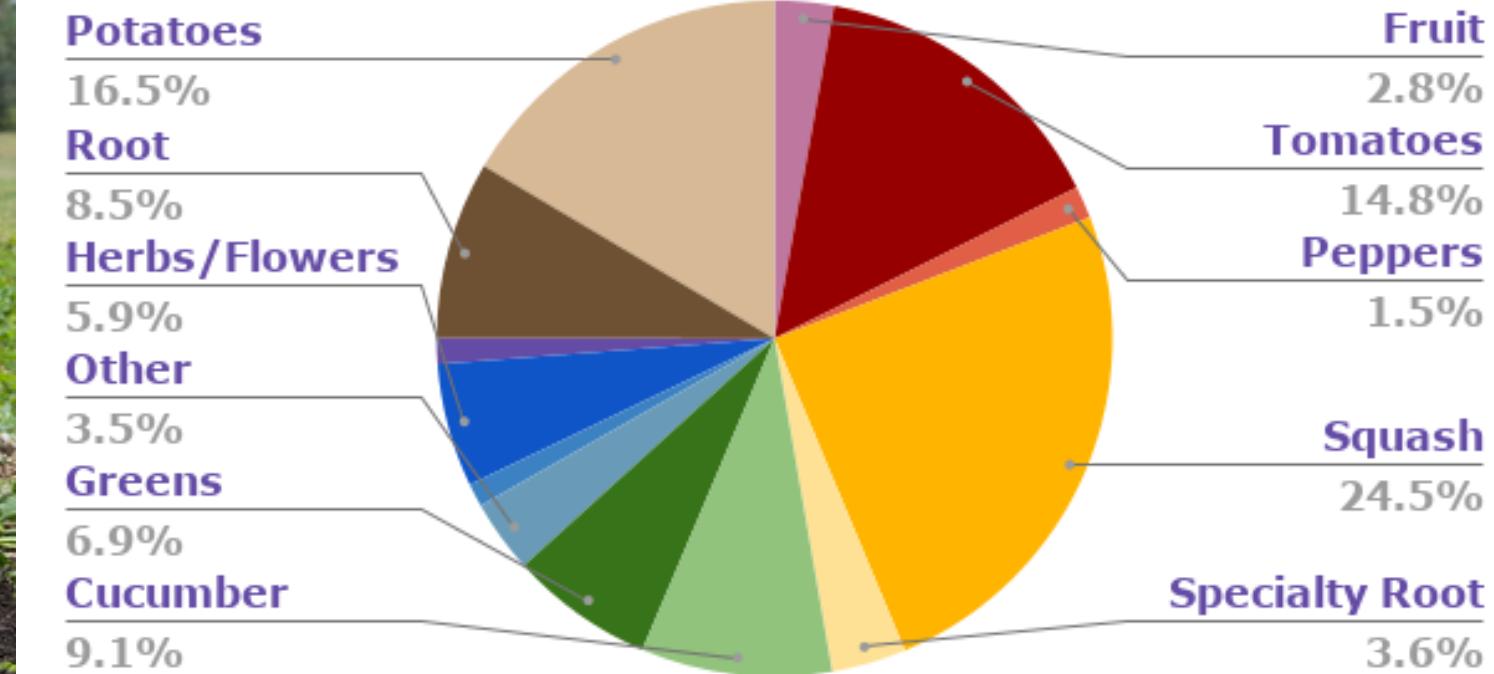
Professor Ferrigno's Landscape Painting Class paints the herbal guilds

# The Knox Farm

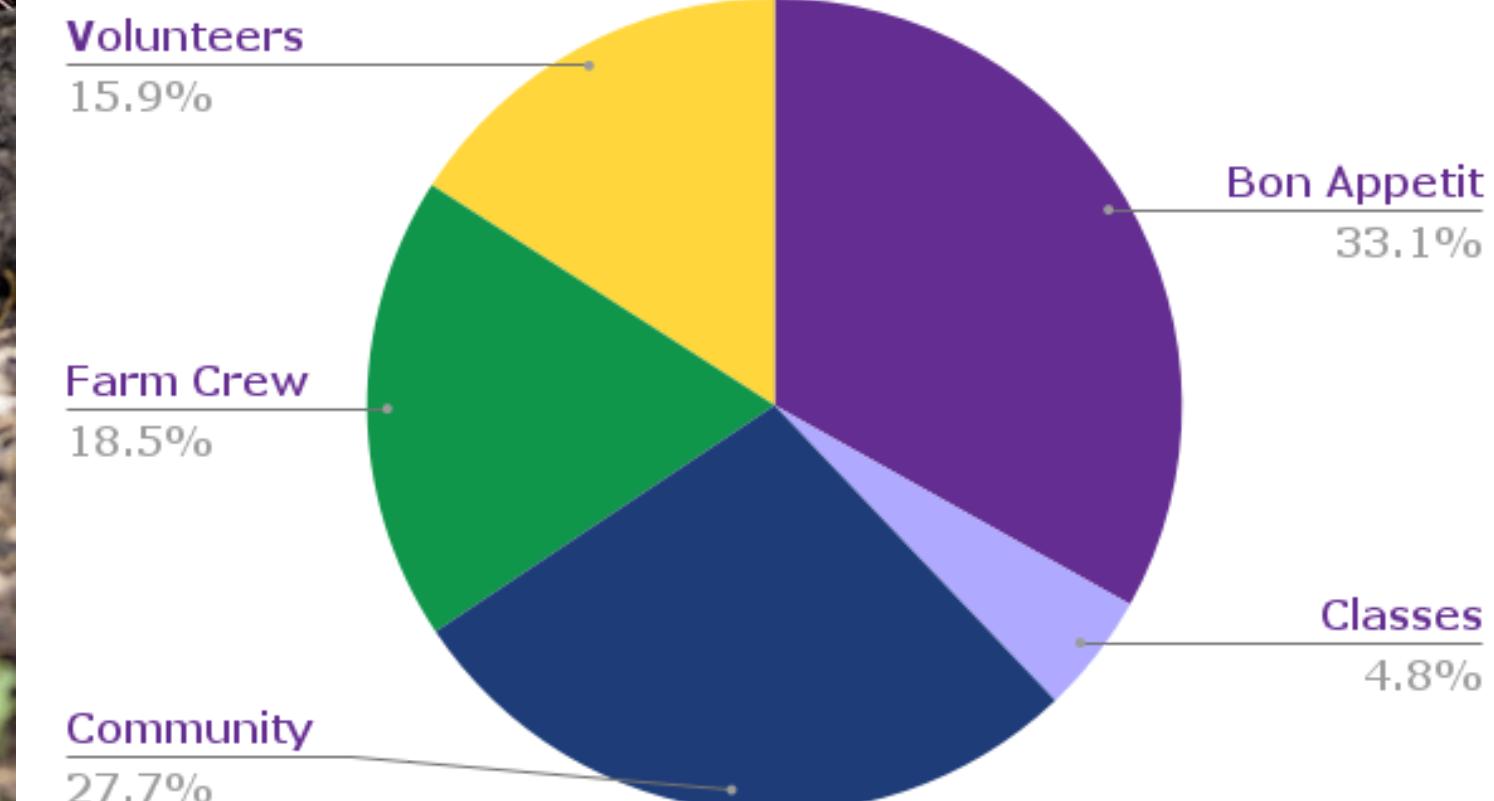


## Produce Grown (lbs)

### Knox Farm 2025



## Produce Distribution (by weight)

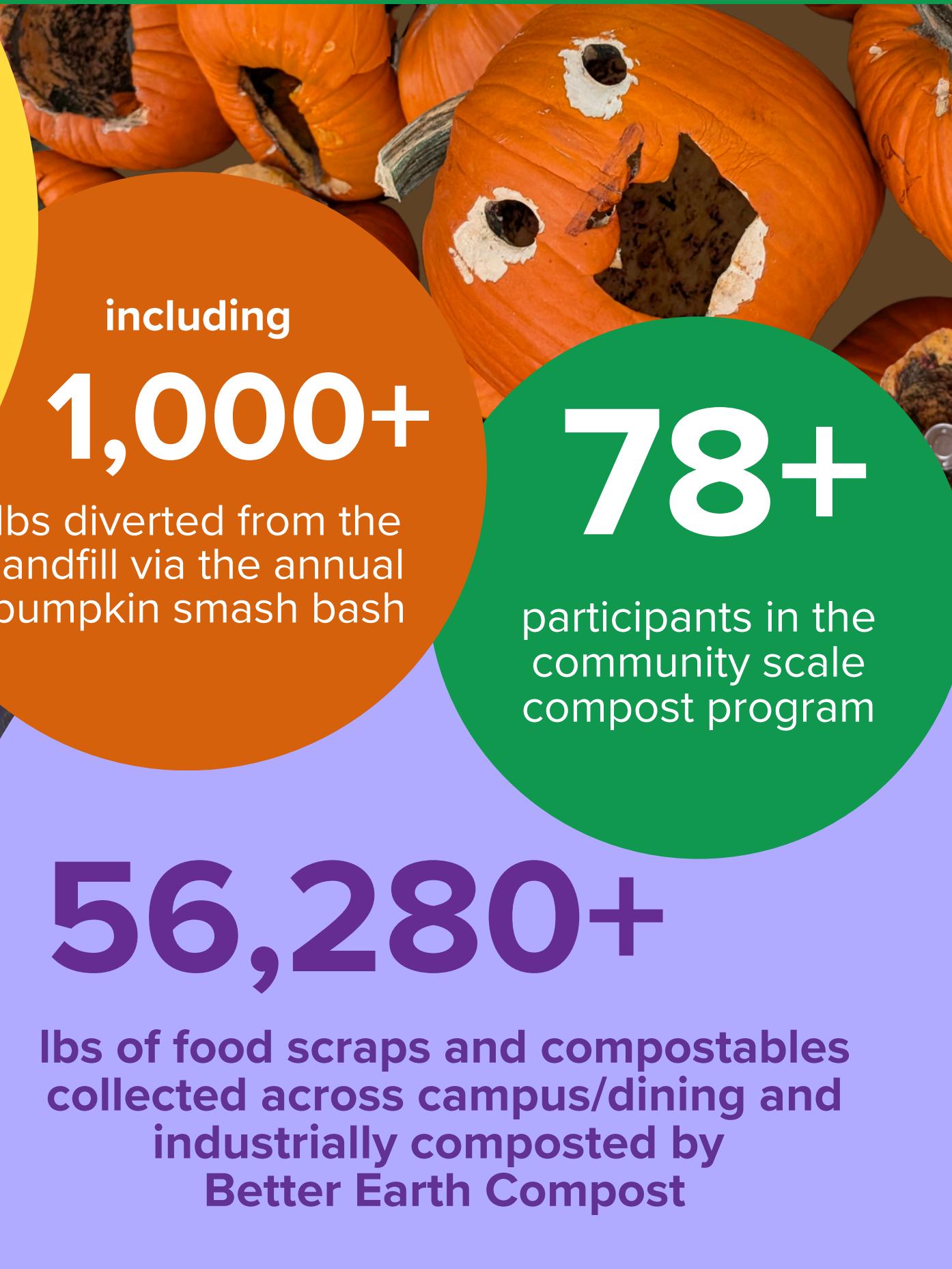


# Composting at Knox



**3770+**

lbs of food scraps managed  
on campus in the Knox Farm's  
community-scale compost  
program



including  
**1,000+**

lbs diverted from the  
landfill via the annual  
pumpkin smash bash

**78+**

participants in the  
community scale  
compost program

**56,280+**

lbs of food scraps and compostables  
collected across campus/dining and  
industrially composted by  
Better Earth Compost

# Waste Reduction and Recycling

## 45%

of **waste diverted** from the landfill and utilized as a resource during the 2025 Campus Race to Zero Waste 8-week campaign

## 122,160

lbs of conventional mixed recycling

## 7,180+

lbs of scrap metal recycled by the warehouse and bike shop

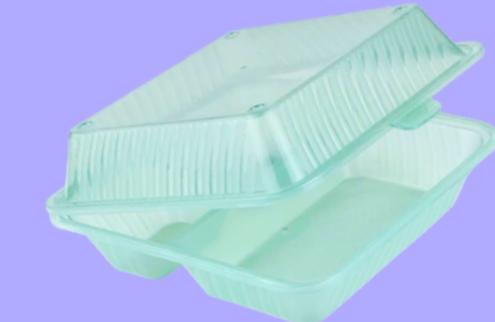


## 475.75

lbs of food recovered by FRN and shared with the Galesburg Community

## 2

new **water monster** dispensers to replace single-use plastic water bottles at college events



## 340

Reusable clamshells distributed at New Student Orientation

Reusable Dishes Borrowed from the ReUse Kit Program in 2025



# Share Shop and Move Out



**11,877** lbs

of clothing and home goods diverted from the landfill during Knox's end-of-year MOVE OUT, and redistributed via Share Shop and local thrift stores

**200+**

Volunteer hours organizing and managing Share Shop

**1750+**

Visits to the Share Shop



# Energy and Transportation



**73,257.78 kWh**

**total solar produced by Knox solar panels, including 64,424 kWh from the Green Oaks Knight Living Learning Center and 8,833.78 kWh from Wilson House**



**5**

**student bike mechanics at the Bike Shop**

**2**

**bike repair workshops**

**96**

**free bike loans to students from the Bike Shop**



**203**

**outdoor lamps fitted with custom light shields and low-kelvin bulbs to reduce energy & light pollution.**

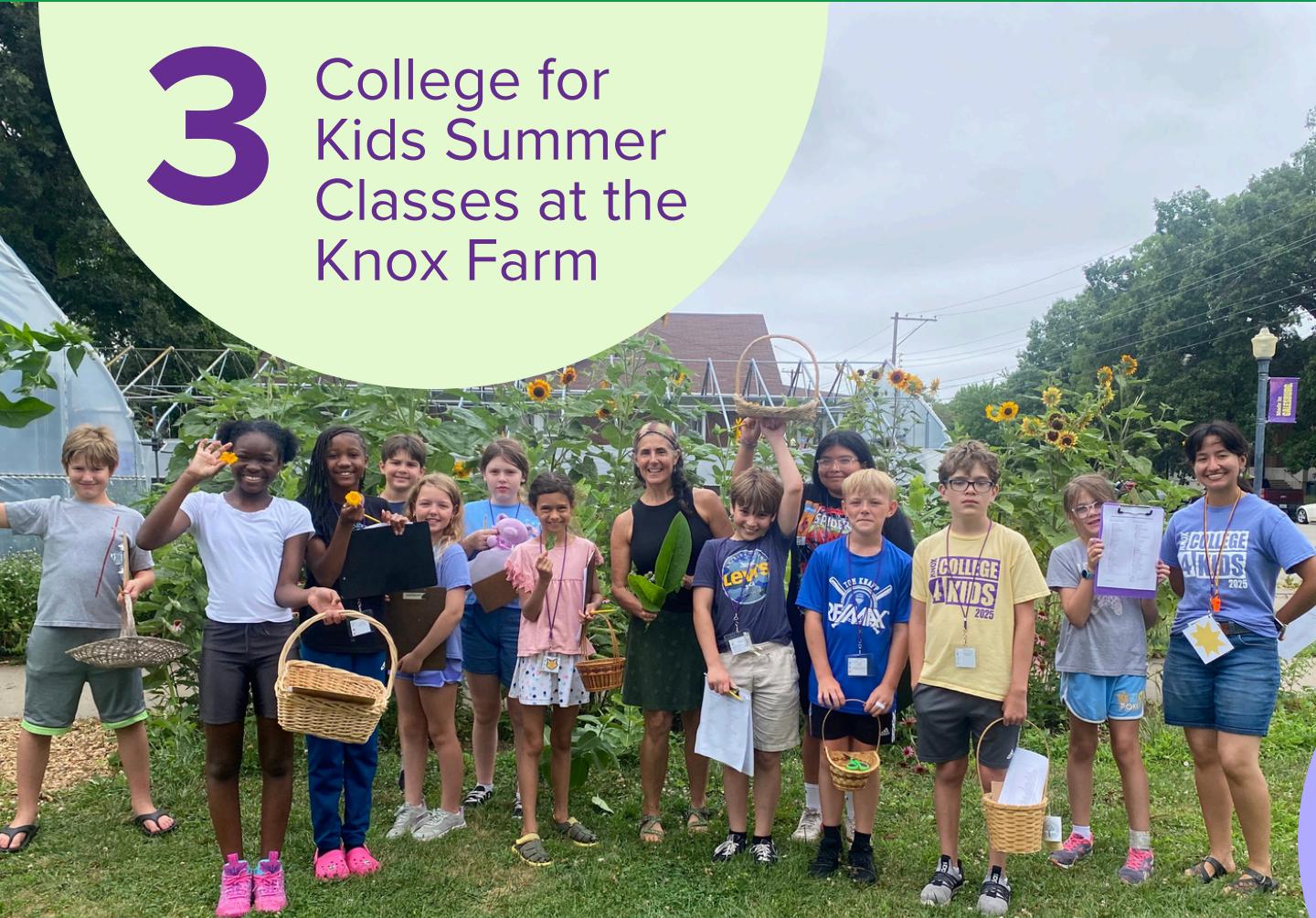
**Completed by the MakerSpace, Student Senate, and Office of Sustainability**



# Community and Civic Engagement

3

College for  
Kids Summer  
Classes at the  
Knox Farm



6

Farm to Fork  
Potlucks



9

MakerSpace  
Skill Share and  
Repair Volunteer  
Sessions



Community  
Clean-Ups



# Acknowledgements

Thank you to everyone who's contributed to Sustainability initiatives at Knox College and the Knox Farm! You truly make a difference!

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- Mary K. Knight '60: Knight Living Learning Center
- Rick Veague '80 and Ann Veague '79
- The Sustainability Working Group

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<https://www.knox.edu/about-knox/our-values/sustainability>

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