



What a great 2021 garden season we had at the Notus Community Garden! Hundreds of pounds of tomatoes, eggplants, peppers, carrots, and more were harvested. We even grew salsify and purslane, which are native to Idaho, and we had a taste-testing of these unique salad veggies, too.

Master Gardener Mike Ahlborn coordinated the effort and received invaluable assistance from retired pharmacist, Dr. Brent Cornell. Many school and community helpers gave their time to help with the tilling, planting, weeding, and harvesting. We are especially thankful to Coach Woodland and Jesse Bloch, and to the football team and other high school parents, who helped get the 2021 gardening season started with the tilling, and to the elementary school teachers and students who helped with the harvesting and with putting the garden to bed at season's end.

The garden is a great boon to the community in providing fresh produce to our families and to healthy school lunches. The garden also provides a safe space for spending time with nature. One grandmother shared that in a walk around the community, she and her grandchildren walked through the garden. The kids picked handfuls of cherry tomatoes to take home. She said she was amazed that her grandchildren were so excited to be in the garden and she had to laugh when they arrived home to find the tomatoes had already been eaten!

