

## News Release

# Campus Garden Produces Bounty

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harvest of carrots for produce sale

Last spring the campus planted the Allen and Freda Pedersen Garden on campus to provide fresh produce to dining services at the University of Minnesota Crookston. This fall a total of 7,187.65 pounds of produce and 1,245 ears of sweet corn were harvested from the campus garden. A new 24-by-72-foot high tunnel, located just east of the campus greenhouses, already has rows of plants showing from the fall planting. A high tunnel is a kind of greenhouse that allows the extension of the growing season up to 5-6 weeks in both spring and autumn. High tunnels are typically unheated, so they aren't operated in the winter. Most of the cost for the high tunnel was provided by Sodexo, under the direction of Doug Pedrick in conjunction with Peter Phaiah. Construction of the high tunnel was coordinated by Dan Svedarsky and Rick Abrahamson with assistance from the facilities crew of the Northwest Research and Outreach Center

(NWROC), student workers, and a private construction crew from Bagley that specializes in high tunnel construction. Recently-retired Extension Specialist Terry Nennich, a regional expert on high tunnels, assisted with the project as well. The project is a cooperative effort between the NWROC and the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department with day-to-day operations directed by Rick Abrahamson, a new horticulture faculty member.

In the photo, Rick Abrahamson, lecturer in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department shows what has come up in the high tunnel on campus.

Rick Abrahamson in high tunnel

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