



**WGC Membership Meeting
Wellington Community Center
Monday, September 14, 2026 - 9:30 AM**

Speaker: Emily Zarzycki

Topic: Gleaning! What is it?

Palm Beach County is one of the largest agricultural counties in the United States, generating nearly \$1.4 billion in annual sales as supported through over 600 agribusiness companies and nearly 11,000 jobs. It leads the nation in producing sugarcane, sweet corn, and bell peppers while also heavily driving Florida's output of rice, radishes, Chinese vegetables, specialty leaf, and celery. In the 2025/26 growing season, CROS Ministries gleaned over 400,000 pounds of produce that would have otherwise been tilled under. Instead, this fresh produce made its way into the kitchens of "food-insecure" Palm Beach County families.

Emily Zarzycki, Director of Outreach, has served with CROS Ministries since 2013. Early in her career with the nonprofit, she oversaw all of the children's hunger programs and served with the gleaning program. Today, she coordinates CROS food pantries located in Belle Glade and Jupiter, outreach events, and providing field support to the gleaning program.