

# The Many Faces of Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food and Feeding America











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THE PROBLEM IS SEVERE.
THE URGENCY IS ACUTE.

# 1 in 5

UNDER THE AGE OF 18 (16 MILLION CHILDREN) DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO ENOUGH NUTRITIOUS FOOD TO LEARN, GROW OR THRIVE





## The People We Serve...

Just because a person has a job does not mean he or she has enough money to put a meal on the table:

- •46% of households served report having to choose between paying for food and paying for utilities or heating fuel
- •36% of client households served have one or more adults working
- •Unemployment is still **8.5**% nationwide, higher in many regions; "99' ers" exhaust unemployment insurance benefits
- •Only 10 percent of client households served by the Feeding America network are homeless



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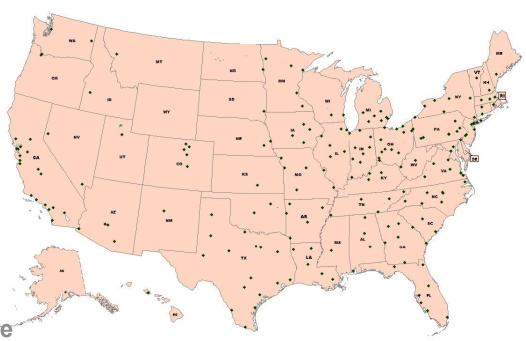
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### Who We Are...What We Do...Feeding America...

- Is the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity.
- Our network includes a national office in Chicago & more than 200 food banks that fight hunger in every state.
- Distributes more than 3 billion pounds of food and grocery product annually.
- Feed more than 37 million people each year, including 14 million children and 3 million seniors through approximately 61,000 local agencies.







# How we help feed America: by advancing our mission across four dimensions

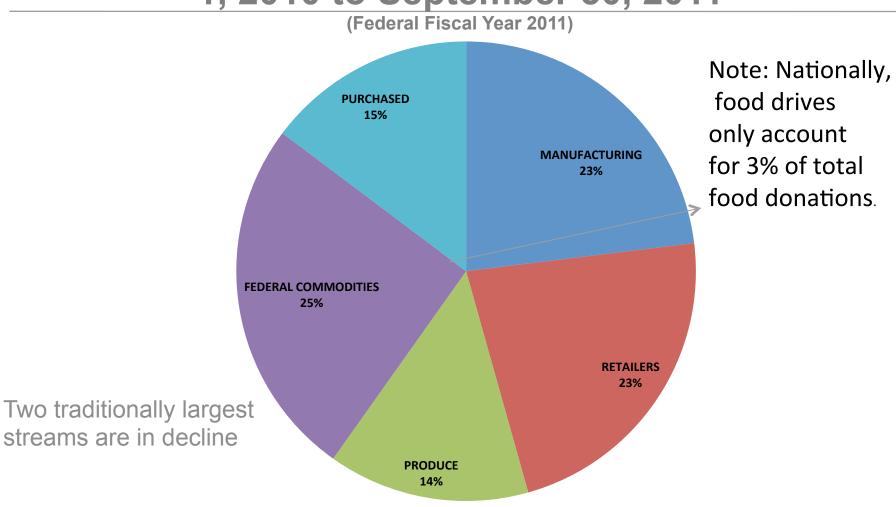
- Source and transport product donations from retailers, manufacturers, distributors, farmers, 3<sup>rd</sup> party warehouses and other donor partners
- Implement programs to help people in need on their journey to self-sufficiency and wellness

3 Educate national, state and local elected officials and the public on hunger in America

Raise funds to purchase food and grocery products and distribute nationwide



# The Need Remains Great: FoodStreams, October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011





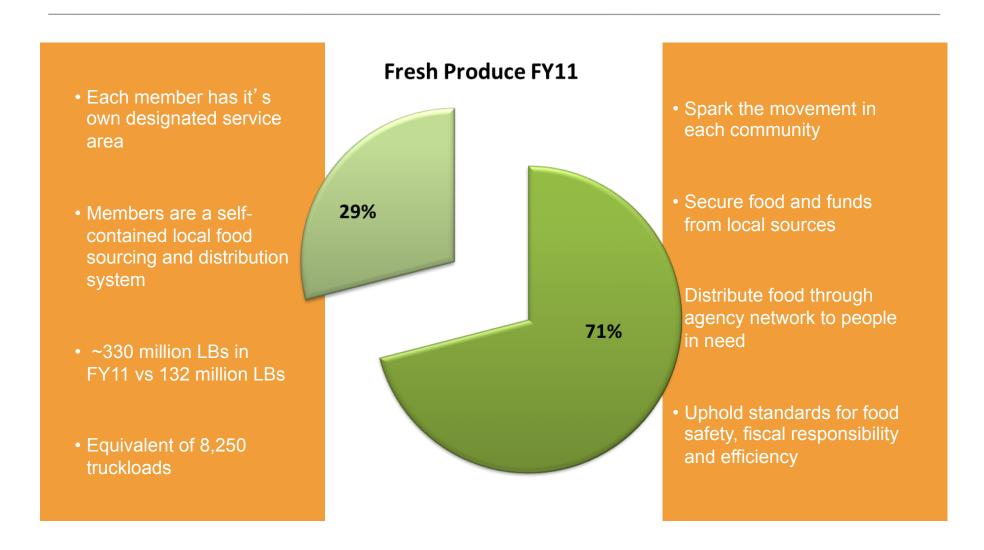
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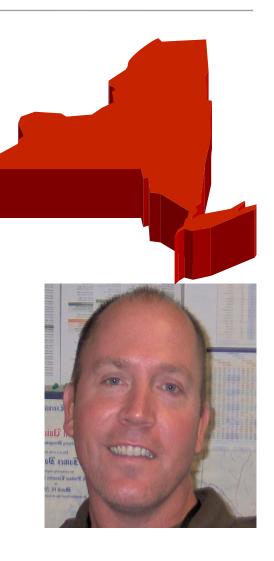
# Model #1 Local: Members Generate +70% of All Fresh Produce Donated Pounds





# Model #2 Regional: Sourcing and Sharing Models

- 1) Dedicated Fresh Produce Regional Sourcers
  - **A. Pounds** secured this FY = nearly 16M LBs offered
- Increased amount of produce made available regionally and nationally
  - B. Low/reduced product costs
- Avg less than \$0.08 per pound
  - C. Local agricultural support
- Over 100 top donor prospects have been contacted
- Secured offers from 15 different donors
- Mainly truckload quantities that leverage scale and drive efficiencies but also LTL
  - **D.** Expanding model to IL, MI, WI, MN, and PA to start





# Model #2 Regional: Sourcing and Sharing Models

# 2) Food Bank State Association Partnerships •Feeding IL

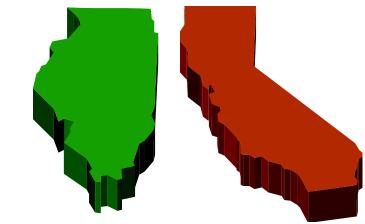
- Assisted sourcing ~60 truckloads
   in two planned load projects
- Regional Sourcer transitioning to fresh produce focus

#### California Association of Food Banks

 Assisted moving 27M LBs to Feeding America members in CA

#### Association of Arizona Food Banks

Long term partnership – donated
 6M LBs to the national network over past 4 FY's including a 50+ truckload watermelon donation





3) Dare to Share Northwest & Southwest + Midwest Sharing Group



# Model #3 National: FA's Produce Program strives to increase fresh produce LBs distributed in the network

# National Produce Program: What it does

- Creates a national office / local member cost sharing partnership focused on offering as many fresh produce lbs to members at the lower possible cost
- Leverages a Value Added Processing (VAP) model
  - Covers processors' costs to make lbs donatable
  - Facilitates produce being packaged for easier network distribution
- Ability to handle non #1 product
- Provides members with a fresh produce source to complement

# National Produce Program provides member support by...

- Sourcing fresh produce donation offers
- Making offers available to the network via the Choice System
- Coordinating transportation
- Cost sharing on produce acquisition and transportation
- Providing centralized billing
- Expanding / deepening the fresh produce donor base and relationships with trade organizations
- Providing produce market / supply chain information



# National Produce Program Pounds are +40% Past Two Years

#### **National Produce Program Pounds**





# Model #3 National: Partnership with American Farm Bureau Federation

A successful, 9-year collaborative effort with Young Farmer & Rancher Farm

Bureau partners has generated:

(1) Nearly 49 million pounds of donated food

(2)\$1.8 million raised

(3)Nearly **60,000** volunteer hours







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Feeding America has already enabled the distribution of billions of pounds of fresh

produce to hungry Americans...









Feeding America now distributes over a half billion pounds of fresh produce per year that may otherwise go to

waste...

The equivalent of over 12,000 truckloads!





We have committed to increase poundage to 1 billion pounds annually in 3 years...

The equivalent of more than 300 miles of tractor trailers...





Billions of pounds of fresh produce are going to waste...millions of Americans are food insecure...

Can you be a part of Feeding America's solution?



 Fresh produce represents the highest volume, lowest cost and most nutritious potential food source for fighting hunger.

 Partnering with Feeding America and our network of community food banks also provides a bottom-line business solution for partners who donate excess, distressed or unsalable products.



## Feeding America offers:

Product pick-up with refrigerated equipment

Receipts for potential tax deductions;
 please consult your tax advisor

 Reduction of costs associated with storage, transportation and disposal

Waste minimization and assistance with sustainability



- 1) Already work closely with FNS regarding nutrition programs (SNAP, TEFAP, etc.)
- Need to build Rural
   Development relationships
- visit your local food bank?



 Feasibility study grant with a local member? Processing opportunities?



2) Could you donate product?

3) If not, what would be next lowest sustainable cost?



4)Could you participate in a planned load model and commit to loads months in advance?

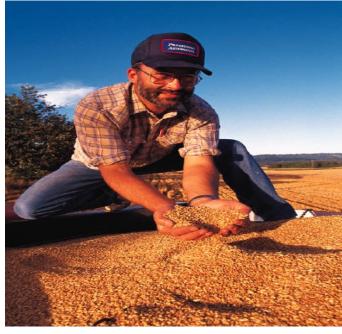


5) What more can we do to deepen our partnership to access, process, store, and distribute more product from more

farmers...



...that generates jobs and enhances sustainability?





### Take Action – Get Involved

# Donate, Advocate, Volunteer

You can help provide food, enrich lives, and catapult hope by joining the fight to end Hunger

To get involved today, visit feedingamerica.org





# Some Final Thoughts...





### ...Thank You...

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