

Cargill and Feeding America

Partnering to fight hunger, increase food and nutrition security and improve food safety

Cargill has partnered with Feeding America since 1986, providing financial, product, volunteer and leadership support in the areas of food safety, product donations, produce capture and farmer engagement. Our donations help Feeding America's network of 200 food banks and 60,000 affiliated agencies, such as soup kitchens, pantries and shelters, provide meals to more than 46 million people annually across the United States.

Our work together has expanded in recent years as we pursue an innovative food sourcing and community health strategy to help address the complex paradox of food insecurity and obesity. Cargill has provided more than \$16 million over 30 years to Feeding America, including \$3 million for 2016-2019 to improve access to fruits and vegetables, provide nourishing meals, support nutrition education, invest in diabetes prevention and strengthen food safety.



Our Work Together Includes:

Innovative food sourcing – We invest in food sourcing to help ensure food that would be otherwise lost make its way to families in need.

Food safety – We strengthen food safety initiatives, including providing curriculum and training.

Community health and nutrition – We support nutrition education and nutrition-based strategies for people struggling with heart disease, diabetes and other serious health crises.

Product donations – Over the past five years we have donated an average of over one million pounds of food annually.

Employee volunteerism – Our employees volunteer at Feeding America food banks in local communities.





Food sourcing

Investing in food sourcing initiatives that help food reach families in need – including capturing some of the six billion pounds of U.S. produce that are lost each year. Feeding America has seen an overall five percent year over year increase in produce distributed by their network of food banks.

Establishing regional cooperative mixing centers to source and distribute produce for local food banks to drive down cost and provide a greater variety of nutritious fruits and vegetables throughout the year—specifically over 126 million pounds of 43 different types of produce this past year.

Food safety

Supporting implementation of a rigorous food safety program at all 200 Feeding America food banks, including training on best practices.

Providing funding for independent audits at all Feeding America food banks to promote food safety excellence and provide assurance that food donations are thoroughly inspected and monitored, as well as capital grants to help make improvements.

Sharing our food safety expertise with Feeding America food banks to ensure food is sourced and distributed in accordance with the highest food safety standards.

Community health and nutrition

Supporting nutrition education at food banks to encourage healthier eating among people who are food insecure.

Launching the Pathways to Health Promotion framework to help food banks become trusted partners that promote good nutrition and health for people and communities most in need.

Supporting diabetes prevention efforts to identify people at risk for pre-diabetes, provide supplemental healthy food and health-promotion education.

Piloting programs to better understand the role of food banks in improving health outcomes for people living with nutrition-related chronic diseases, and using those insights to design and implement new health interventions.

Product donations

We provide truckloads of product donations to Feeding America – over one million pounds of food annually over the past 5 years – including salt, meat, turkey and eggs that supply much needed protein to food banks across the U.S.

Employee engagement

Our employees volunteer their time through local Cargill Cares Councils to support Feeding America food banks and agencies, including assisting with food packing, sorting, organizing and distribution, coordinating food donations, providing hunger-relief education, sharing skills and leadership insights.

Disaster Support

In addition to disaster response and recovery – including food and funds – we are working more closely to align on disaster preparedness. Local Cargill facilities play important roles during disasters that impact local communities. In the fall of 2017, Cargill supported Feeding America food banks impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.