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TO: Nikki Smith, Executive Director, NYS Commission on National and Community Service

FROM: Paul Winkeller *PSW*

DATE: September 3, 1996

SUBJECT: National Week of Food Recovery

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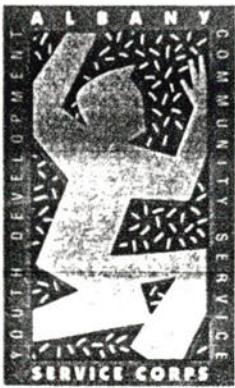
Attached for your files and routine reporting to the Corporation are copies of the press clips from this event. Channel 13 also had an extensive piece on Thursday, 8/22, a copy of which has been sent to Joel Berg, USDA AmeriCorps Coordinator in D.C.

I am very pleased with the well-deserved attention we were able to bring to this important project. I am also pleased to report that our very enthusiastic and motivated team has far exceeded their goals for the project, and we plan to send you a copy of their final report when it's completed at the end of this month.

Finally, our plans for sustaining food recovery work will include integrating some related activities into our Year Three AmeriCorps work plan. I also want you to know that I would be more than pleased to act as a gleaning/food recovery resource for all AmeriCorps programs in this state, and if you wish I would be delighted to speak about this matter at a gathering of all AmeriCorps Project Directors early in the Year Three cycle.

cc: William Murabito, Chair, NYS Commission
Joel Berg, USDA AmeriCorps Coordinator





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TO: Nikki Smith, Executive Director, NYS Commission on National and Community Service

FROM: Paul Winkeller *PSW*

DATE: August 6, 1996

SUBJECT: National Gleaning Week

The twenty sites involved in the AmeriCorps Summer of Gleaning project have regularly scheduled conference calls to review our progress and share information with our program administrators in Washington. During our most recent conference call (last Thursday) I learned that all state commissions have been informed of the above important event, some information about which is attached to this memo.

If there is a mailing going out to all AmeriCorps projects in New York State soon, I wonder if you would be willing to include a memo from yourself encouraging all sites to try to do something this week. If you wish, I could prepare this memo for you to include suggestions about what they can do re gleaning and food rescue, and I could also offer myself as a potential technical assistance provider. I could also write a memo from myself if you want to go that route, though I think something from you would carry more weight and spur more activity.

As always, I am interested in seeing our state take a leadership position in all aspects of AmeriCorps. A large "unified" response during National Gleaning Week would do this, and also has excellent PR implications. I also think if we could put something big together we could get a major official from USDA to come to New York State that week. Along the latter lines, we are working on a major event locally and I wonder how your contacts are at State Ag & Markets or even the Governor's Office.

Let's talk soon. A copy of our AmeriCorps Gleaning Team's latest weekly report is also enclosed for your review.

Thanks-----

cc: Joel Berg, USDA National Service Coordinator, Washington, D.C. ✓
William Murabito, Chair, NYS Commission on National and Community Service





Memo

To: Joel Berg/Dee DiFiore
From: Holly L. Martien
USDA-NRCS
Date: 08/14/96 02/03p
Pages: 2

Message:

To: Joel Berg/Dee DiFiore
RE: Gleaning Project

Attached is information regarding a gleaning project that was developed by our environmental corps at Galliano, Louisiana. Another project is being planned for the Monroe/Ruston, Louisiana, area, but details for that project are not available at this time. I will keep you informed as details become available.

Holly Martien
Administrative Program Specialist
Louisiana - NRCS

cc: Larry Holmes, Acting National AmeriCorps Coordinator,
NRCS, Washington, DC

**USDA/AmeriCorps Gleaning Project
Louisiana**

Gleaning Project	The USDA AmeriCorps Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Environmental Corps will be participating in "National Week of Food Recovery." In cooperation with eleven local businesses, the team is asking residents of Lafourche Parish to donate canned and dry goods. On August 16, the team will set up food collection boxes at exits of cooperating businesses, and on August 23 team members will collect donated food items and give them to the Lafourche Parish Catholic Community Center. The community center will then distribute the food items to people in need. Team members will assist community center volunteers sort, store, and distribute the donated goods. The Catholic Community Center in Lafouche Parish serves more than 30,000 people, and items are distributed without regard to religious beliefs, race, sex, national origin, or age.
Location	Lafourche Parish, Louisiana
Number of USDA/AmeriCorps Members Participating	7
Partners Involved in Project	Adams' Piggly Wiggly, Golden Meadow, Louisiana Champagne's Piggly Wiggly, Galliano, Louisiana Champagne's Piggly Wiggly, Larose, Louisiana Galliano Food Store, Galliano, Louisiana Collins Big Star, Cut Off, Louisiana Delchamps, Cut Off, Louisiana Delchamps, Larose, Louisiana Frank's Super Value, Larose, Louisiana Frank's Super Market 2, Cut Off, Louisiana Frank's Super Market 3, Lockport, Louisiana Wal-Mart, Cut Off, Louisiana Lafourche Parish Catholic Community Center
Contact Point	Susan Terrebonne, Team Leader Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Environmental Corps USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service P.O. Box 819 438 Airport Road Galliano, Louisiana Telephone: (504) 475-5280 FAX: (504) 475-6545



United States
Department of
Agriculture

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Candidates will be considered without discrimination for any non-merit reason such as race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, or membership or nonmembership in an employee organization.

ANNOUNCEMENT NO: AO-96-34

OPENING DATE: July 15, 1996

CLOSING DATE: August 19, 1996

POSITION TITLE, SERIES, GRADE:

AmeriCorps/ Volunteer Coordinator
GS-401/101/110/184-13/14

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: 14

LOCATION OF POSITION:

Natural Resources Conservation Service
Deputy Chief for Natural Conservation Program
Community Assistance and Resources Development
Washington, D.C.

AREA OF CONSIDERATION:

ALL SOURCES*

CONTACT: USDA/ NRCS

NHQ Administrative Support Division
Personnel-Rm. 5215-South Building
P.O. Box 2890
Washington, D.C. 20013
(202) 720-4264

STATUS AND NONSTATUS APPLICANTS

DUTIES AND QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

This position is located in the Community Assistance and Resource Development (CARD) Division under the Deputy Chief for Natural Resources Conservation Programs in National Headquarters for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The incumbent is responsible for providing leadership for the AmeriCorps and Volunteer (Earth Team) Programs. The incumbent is supervised by the Director for Community Assistance and Resource Development Division.

KEY TASK OF POSITION:

Coordinates and implements changes in agency national policies and procedures for the designated national programs.

Provides national leadership and coordination in the promotion and administration of the agency's Earth Team and AmeriCorps programs.

Serves as the agency spokesperson for the Earth Team and National Service programs.

Studies and analyzes economic, social, cultural, educational and other factors that affect the participation of individuals and communities in the AmeriCorps program.

BASIC QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must meet the basic eligibility requirements for the GS-401 series as set forth in the Qualification Standards for General Schedule Positions. Candidates must have 1 year of specialized experience at the next lower grade level.

For supervisory or managerial positions, candidate is subject to a probationary period unless prior supervisory or managerial experience is creditable.

THE USE OF POSTAGE-PAID AGENCY ENVELOPES IN FILING APPLICATIONS IS A VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW

METHOD OF EVALUATION

All basically qualified candidates who respond to this vacancy announcement will be evaluated on the knowledge, skills, and abilities and other characteristics (KSA's) required to perform the duties of the position. The KSA's are listed below. "IT IS MANDATORY THAT CANDIDATES RESPOND IN WRITING TO EACH KSA."

KSA's

- A. KNOWLEDGE OF SOIL CONSERVATION CONCEPTS, PRINCIPLES AND TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES in order to serve as the expert in advising state conservationists and program managers on National Service AmeriCorps regulations and requirements.
- B. KNOWLEDGE OF RURAL SOCIOLOGY, ECONOMICS, SOCIAL SCIENCES, NATURAL RESOURCES ISSUES, GROUP LEADERSHIP AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES in order ascertain consensus among individuals and groups, and to implement agency objectives.
- C. ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH OTHERS (e.g., ORALLY, TDD, LIP READING, SIGN LANGUAGE, IN WRITING, etc.) in order to communicate policy and program objectives and enhance the effectiveness of these national programs.

HOW TO APPLY

Employees who wish to be considered must apply in writing to the office listed on the front of this announcement. Submit the following:

- (1) A current SF-171; resume, or other form of application (see attached instruction sheet entitled "Applying for a Federal Job with the Natural Resources Conservation Service -NRCS") for information which must be included.
- (2) A current (no older than 18 months) Performance Appraisal.
- (3) A written response to each KSA.
- (4) A current SF-50 (Notification of Personnel Action)
- (5) Background Survey Questionnaire 79-2 are requested but not mandatory. DO NOT SUBMIT UNSOLICITED MATERIALS.

For positions filled below the full performance level (highest grade shown), the selectee may be promoted without further competition; however, this implies no promise or guarantee of promotion.

Supervisors must notify eligible employees who are in leave status of this vacancy. All applicants will be notified of their status in the evaluation within 30 working days of the

**AMERICORPS/USDA RESPONSE FORM FOR SPECIAL SERVICE
PROJECT DURING NATIONAL WEEK OF FOOD RECOVERY**

Location of Project (City or State): Jacksonville, Florida

Description of Event: Offered volunteer services to the Second Harvest

Food Bank of Northeast Florida. Approximately 15,000 pounds of
food was sorted equaling 11,252 meals.

Event Site: Jacksonville, Florida

Date and Time: 08/22/96

Number of AmeriCorps/USDA members expected to attend: 2

County or counties of duty stations of AmeriCorps/USDA members expected to participate: Duval County

Collaboration with 1) existing gleaning project

2) local anti-hunger group Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Florida

3) non-USDA AmeriCorps project

Local leader invited and/or confirmed:

Name, telephone and fax numbers of contact person for food recovery project:

Dan Perry, Operations Manager, (904) 353-3663

Please fax to (202) 720-4614 when complete.

Call (202) 720-6350 with questions.

To: Lee Patterson PA

FROM: USDA AmeriCorps

**AMERICORPS/USDA RESPONSE FORM FOR SPECIAL SERVICE
PROJECT DURING NATIONAL WEEK OF FOOD RECOVERY**Location of Project (City or State): UNION TOWN, PADescription of Event: WE WILL BE HAVING A PICNIC FOR SOUP
KITCHEN PATRONS USING FOOD GLEANED FROM AREA
RESTAURANTS. PEOPLE WILL BE BUSSED TO PICNIC
FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY. AN ACOUSTIC
BAND WILL PERFORM DURING DINNER.Event Site: MARSHALL PARKDate and Time: FRIDAY AUGUST 23, 1996 3-5 pm.Number of AmeriCorps/USDA members expected to attend: 10County or counties of duty stations of AmeriCorps/USDA members expected
to participate: FAYETTE COUNTYCollaboration with 1) existing gleaning project ✓

2) local anti-hunger group _____

3) non-USDA AmeriCorps project _____

Local leader invited and/or confirmed: COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,STATE REPRESENTATIVES, MAYOR OF UNION TOWN, CONGRESSMENNONE
CONFIRMED
AS OF 8-19

Name, telephone and fax numbers of contact person for food recovery project:

LOU ORSLINE PH: 412 438-3940Please fax to (202) 720-4614 when complete.

Call (202) 720-6350 with questions.

“NATIONAL WEEK OF FOOD RECOVERY” EVENTS, BY STATE

Imperial County, California
Healthy Start Center of Calexico
August 24
2 AmeriCorps Members
Adrianna Iruegas (619) 357-8247

USDA AmeriCorps Members will organize a food rescue drive through local grocery stores. The collected food will be distributed as “food baskets” to families which have been identified through the Calexico Healthy Start Program.

Hanford area, California
Week of August 19-25
4 AmeriCorps Members
Elyse Mittlestead (209) 582-4386

Groups collaboration on extending project year-round in Kings County will help USDA AmeriCorps Members pack food. Congressman Cal Dooley MAY be the keynote speaker.

Watsonville, California
A field in Santa Cruz County
August 24
4 AmeriCorps Members
Raphael Lopez (408) 763-4033

The Summer of Gleaning AmeriCorps member will be teaming up with the Watsonville year-round Member and the Hollister year-round Member to organize a gleaning day with local city council members, city staff, and youth from the city’s job training program.

Mendota and Firebaugh, CA
August 25
1 AmeriCorps Member
Carol Scroggins (209) 442-1160

The AmeriCorps Member working with the I-5 Business Development Corridor is organizing a “Summer Storehouse” in Mendota and Firebaugh so that food collected by local schools, church groups, and Boys and Girls clubs can be saved until the most needed season.

Shafter (Kern County) California
Shafter City Hall
August 24
1 AmeriCorps Members
Jose Blanco (805) 746-6365

AmeriCorps Members will coordinate with local church resources and community action agencies for a canned and non-perishable food drive. All the food collected will be distributed through the Kern County Food Bank.

East Windsor, Connecticut (Between Hartford, CT and Springfield, MA)

August 21st

David Carey (860) 688-3559

USDA AmeriCorps and volunteers will glean vegetables from area farms, rescue perishable food from a packing house, and deliver the produce to Foodshare..

Dade County, Florida

August 19-26

Laura Vasquez, (305) 242-1218

USDA AmeriCorps Members will be conducting a food and clothing drive for the homeless.

Jacksonville, Florida

August 19-26

Allen Moore (904) 232-2871

USDA AmeriCorps Members will work with Lutheran Social Services Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Florida to collect and distribute salvageable food.

Shawneetown, Illinois (Evansville, Indiana media market)

August 19th

USDA AmeriCorps members will load vegetables into a truck in Shawneetown and then the truck will deliver food to Evansville and elsewhere.

Havana Illinois

August 20th

22 AmeriCorps Members

Rod Atterberry (309) 543-2582

There will be a recognition ceremony for the year-long AmeriCorps gleaning project in Havana, Illinois, followed by an actual field gleaning outside of Peoria.(need confirmation of gleaning event)

Des Moines, Iowa

August 24

Kevin Fitzpatrick (515) 386-3138

Iowa Pork Producers will prepare a free cook-out for the Day Care families and surrounding neighborhoods.

Shelbyville, Kentucky (Louisville media market)

August 21,22

Louis Elliot, (502) 633-0892, fax (502) 633-0552

USDA AmeriCorps members would collect food from a farm in Shelbyville and deliver it to a soup kitchen in Louisville.

Portland, Maine and Gorham, Maine

August 15th and August 19th

2 AmeriCorps Members

Wayne Davis, Martin Krgemer, (207) 839-7842, fax (207) 839-7934

USDA AmeriCorps will collect produce and non-perishable food items for local farmers and local landowners and deliver goods to the Preble Street Resource Center (PSRC), a group that aids the homeless.

Sunflower County, Mississippi

August 16

14 AmeriCorps Members

Bette Oliver, 601-965-5460

In partnership with the Mississippi Delta Empowerment Zone Alliance, USDA AmeriCorps will coordinate the collection of food from Lewis Grocers and Morrison's Cafeteria and coordinate the distribution of that food to the Salvation Army and other sources.

Baltimore, Maryland

August 17

3 AmeriCorps Members

USDA Under Secretary Jill Long Thompson joined with USDA Director of national Service Joel Berg, USDA AmeriCorps Members, and volunteers for unloading gleaned food at the Maryland Homeless Veterans.

Michigan

August 22

AmeriCorps members will glean sweet corn and produce.

Berlin, New Jersey

August 19

5 AmeriCorps Member

Alisa Orduna (609) 784-1001

Filed gleaning at participating farm along with partner organizations.

Albuquerque, New Mexico

August 19th, Thursday

20-30 AmeriCorps Members

Lloyd Wilhelm (505) 334-3090

USDA AmeriCorps --- the Navajo Nation --- will harvest food and deliver it to the Echo Food Bank in Farmington and Road Runner Food Bank in Albuquerque. {NOTE: the Navajo National may have objections to media coverage -- we need to discuss this issue with the tribal leadership}

Albany, New York

August 22

Tom Della Rocca (518) 765-3570

AmeriCorps Members and volunteers will glean vegetables at a farm and distribute that produce to regional food banks and pantries.

Portland, Oregon

August 19-25

2 AmeriCorps members

AmeriCorps will be training gleaning volunteers on the proper way to harvest food.

Portland, Oregon

August 23

AmeriCorps members will package bags of food for distribution

Eugene, Oregon

Week of August 19-25

2 AmeriCorps members

AmeriCorps Members will glean food from fields; a reporter from the *Register-Guard* is already scheduled to attend.

Uniontown, Pennsylvania

August 17th or 18th

USDA AmeriCorps Members will sponsor a picnic in which citizens in need will be fed with gleaned food.

Smithfield, Rhode Island

August 22

USDA AmeriCorps Members will glean a farm or orchard.

Seattle-Tacoma area, Washington

August 20th and 21st

Steven Garrett, (206) 591-7180, fax (206) 591-3165

USDA AmeriCorps Members will glean food in the Puyallup Valley and can donate foods at a Mormon Church-owned facility in Kent.

Yakima, Washington

August 22nd

Steven Garrett, (206) 591-7180, fax (206) 591-3165

USDA AmeriCorps Members will glean food in the Yakima Lower Valley.

AmeriCorps National Service
Natural Resources Conservation Service
15600 S.W. 288 Street * Suite 402, Box 7
Homestead, FL 33033
Fax: (305) 242-1292
Tel: (305) 242-1218

August 16, 1996

Dear Ken Murray:

From August 19 through 26, the Homestead AmeriCorps team will be conducting a food and clothing drive for the homeless in Dade County. We will be passing out flyers and collecting the food from August 19-25, and on August 26, 1996, we will deliver the supplies to Mrs. Terz Flowers of the Community Partnership Homeless shelter in North Miami. It might be possible that if we receive a huge quantity, we will also distribute some of the supplies to a shelter in Homestead. If you have any questions please call us at 242-1218.

Thank You,


Laura A. Vasquez
AmeriCorps Member

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5542 DUNN AVENUE
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32221
PHONE: 904-232-2871
FAX: 904-765-7172

August 15, 1996

TO: Jessica Payne,
Water Resources Planning Specialist (Term)

This is to inform you that the AmeriCorps team in Jacksonville will participate in the August 19-25, 1996 "National Week of Food Recovery" activity and observance.

The local AmeriCorps team, through the efforts of Ms. Tina Tukes, has made arrangements to work with the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Florida, in Jacksonville. This organization collects and distributes donated, surplus, salvageable food, from local businesses and organizations, to the hungry in the area.

On Friday, August 16, 1996, the AmeriCorp team and I will visit the Food Bank to receive training and a tour of the facility. The following week, August 19-25, they will assist the Food Bank with their operation.

Please call me if you have any questions.



Allen L. Moore,
Natural Resource Conservationist

cc: Frank Ellis, ASTC FOO

CROP RESIDUE

- before and during all field operations
- after harvest



USDA, Soil Conservation Service

FAX TRANSMITTAL

Number of pages: 2

date: Aug. 16th, 1996

TO: Joel Berg FAX NO.: 202-720-4614

FROM: RAFAEL SALAZAR

USDA - NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
Burke County Office Park
715 W. Sixth Street
Waynesboro, GA 30830-1453
Phone: (706) 554-5183
Fax: (706) 437-1516

SUBJECT: National Food Recovery Week

COMENTS:

Here is what we talked about.
I forgot to put the RCDD address:

Mr. Greg Kist

Central Savannah River RCDD

3456 D Peach Orchard Rd.

Augusta, GA 30906

(706) 798-7267

Fax (706) 798-9445

Thank

RAFAEL

"... with the right to own comes the duty to conserve..."

cc: Central Savannah River RCDD

United States
Department of
Agriculture

Natural Resources
Conservation
Service

715 West Sixth Street
Waynesboro, GA 30830
Phone 706-554-5183

IN THE FIELD

The Central Savannah River RC&D from Augusta, Georgia, is working in partnership with the USDA-NRCS Waynesboro-Millen Field Office Team, the Golden Harvest Food Bank, the Burke County Extension Service, and the South Carolina Christian Action Council in setting-up a program called: SEEDS OF HOPE PRODUCE MARKET in Waynesboro, Georgia, where limited resource farmers get together to sell their produces directly; in turn, they give part of their harvest to the Golden Harvest Food Bank, who uses it for the Soup Kitchen program they run in downtown Augusta, Georgia, or the "Brown Bag" program targeted to elders in the community. The Seeds of Hope Produce Market is well established in Aiken and Columbia, South Carolina.

For more information about the Seeds of Hope Produce Market, please call: Ms. Donna Bryan
Seeds of Hope
P.O. Box 11349
Columbia, SC 29211
(803) 771-8085

If you have any questions, or if I could be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me,

Sincerely,



Rafael E. Salazar
District Conservationist

To: Palm Mount NJ

From:

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AMERICORPS/USDA RESPONSE FORM FOR SPECIAL SERVICE
PROJECT DURING NATIONAL WEEK OF FOOD RECOVERY

Location of Project (City or State): New Jersey

Description of Event: "Community Harvest" - a national day
of gleaning - An open invitation to recipient agencies
and local community groups to glean a field at a participating
farm and distribute to those in need in their community.

Event Site: Johnny Boy's Farm - Berlin New Jersey (Camden
County)

Date and Time: Monday August 19, 1996 - 9:00-12:00pm

Number of AmeriCorps/USDA members expected to attend: 5

County or counties of duty stations of AmeriCorps/USDA members expected
to participate: Mercer, Gloucester, and Camden's RSVP

Collaboration with 1) existing gleaning project NA

2) local anti-hunger group Bonner Scholars and Several Church Groups

3) non-USDA AmeriCorps project Camden City - RSVP and Youth Volunteers

Local leader invited and/or confirmed: Secretary of Agriculture Arthur Brown

Name, telephone and fax numbers of contact person for food recovery project:

Alisa Orduña (609) 784-1001

Please fax to (202) 720-4614 when complete.

Call (202) 720-6350 with questions.

National Food Recovery Week California Sites

- **Imperial County (Enterprise Community):** The two AmeriCorps Members in Imperial County are organizing a food rescue drive through local grocery stores. The collected food will be distributed as "food baskets" to families which have been identified through the Calexico Healthy Start Program.

Event Date: August 24

Place: The Healthy Start Center of Calexico

Contact Person: Adrianna Iruegas (619) 357-8247

- **Watsonville (Enterprise Community):** The Summer of Gleaning Americorps Member will be teaming up with the Watsonville Year-Round Member and the Hollister Year-Round Member to organize a gleaning day with local city council members, city staff, and youth from the City's job training program.

Event Date: August 24.

Place: A field in Santa Cruz County

Contact: Raphael Lopez (408) 763-4033

- **I-5 Business Development Corridor (Champion Community):** The AmeriCorps Member working with the I-5 Business Development Corridor is organizing "Summer Storehouse" in Mendota and Firebaugh. Collections will be made through local schools, church groups, and Boys and Girls Clubs.

Event Date: Kick-off on August 25 (Because school starts on 27th the school district wanted to extend the food drive.)

Place: The City of Firebaugh

Contact: Carol Scroggins (209)442-1160

- **City of Shafter (Champion Community):** The AmeriCorps Member in the City of Shafter is organizing a Canned and Non-perishable Food Drive. All the Food Collected will be distributed through the Kern County Food Bank.

Event Date: August 24, 1996

Place: Shafter City Hall

Contact: Jose Blanco (805)746-6365

- **Kings County (Champion Community):** The three AmeriCorps Members working in Kings County to establish an ongoing Gleaning Program will be organizing a county-wide Gleaning Collaborative Meeting. Congressman Cal Dooley has been invited as the keynote speaker,

Event Date: August 24, 1996

Place: Kings County Community Action Agency

Contact Person: Elyse Mittlestead (209)582-4386

1 DEC Event

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PRESERVATION

Action Date: _____



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Holly Martien
Administrative Program Specialist
Louisiana - NRCS

cc: Larry Holmes, Acting National AmeriCorps Coordinator,
NRCS, Washington, DC

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Location	Lafourche Parish, Louisiana
Number of USDA/AmeriCorps Members Participating	7
Partners Involved in Project	Adams' Piggly Wiggly, Golden Meadow, Louisiana Champagne's Piggly Wiggly, Galliano, Louisiana Champagne's Piggly Wiggly, Larose, Louisiana Galliano Food Store, Galliano, Louisiana Collins Big Star, Cut Off, Louisiana Delchamps, Cut Off, Louisiana Delchamps, Larose, Louisiana Frank's Super Value, Larose, Louisiana Frank's Super Market 2, Cut Off, Louisiana Frank's Super Market 3, Lockport, Louisiana Wal-Mart, Cut Off, Louisiana Lafourche Parish Catholic Community Center
Contact Point	Susan Terrebonne, Team Leader Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Environmental Corps USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service P.O. Box 819 438 Airport Road Galliano, Louisiana Telephone: (504) 475-5280 FAX: (504) 475-6545

AMERICORPS NATIONAL WEEK - AUGUST 19 THROUGH 25

STATE	CONTACT PERSON	DAY/ DATE	LOCATION	PROJECT NAME	INVITED GUESTS	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Connecticut	David Carey, CED Hartford County FSA (860) 688-3559	8/21/96 9:00 am - 3:30 pm	Windsor, CT.	"Connecticut AmeriCorps Gleaning"	Media invited: Hartford Courant, Channel 30 NBC, and Channel 3 CBS	Members and volunteer organizations will glean vegetables from area farms, and will also rescue perishable food from packing warehouse and deliver the produce to Foodshare.
Illinois	Rod Atterberry, CED Mason County FSA (309) 543-2582	8/19/96	Shawneetown, ILL.	"Harvest of Hope"		Members will load vegetables in a truck in Shawneetown and deliver the produce to Evansville, IN and elsewhere.
Illinois	Rod Atterberry, CED Mason County FSA (309) 543-2582	8/20/96	Peoria, ILL	"Harvest of Hope"		Members will participate in their graduation ceremony in Havana, IL followed by gleaning event in Peoria, IL.
Iowa	Janis Becker Iowa State FSA Office (515) 254-1540 ext. 600 or Kevin Fitzpatrick, CED Greene County FSA (515) 386-3138	8/24/96 11:00 am - 2:00 pm	Des Moines, IA	"Great Meat Cookout"	Senators Harkin and Grassley, Rep. Gan, Mayor Davis, Gov. Branstad, Sec. of Ag. Dale Cochran; media invited: TV, radio, and Des Moines Register.	Iowa Pork Producers will prepare a free cook-out for the Day Care families and surrounding neighborhoods.

Maryland	John Ciekot, Site Supervisor (410) 243-5060	8/17/96 11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Baltimore, MD	"Baltimore's Hungry Citizens"	Jill Long- Thompson and Joel Berg, USDA and Rep. Benjamin Carden, Maryland 3rd District	Produce from area farms will be delivered to Maryland Homeless Veterans facility early followed by a formal ceremony for project partners and other dignitaries who will be invited to help unload the perishable produce for distribution to project recipients.
Michigan	Sandi Ramos (517) 337-6660 ext. 1212	8/22/96 11:00 am		"AmeriCorps United for Hunger Relief"	Inkster Harvest and the following media Channel 7 news, Flint Journal, Detroit Free Press	Members will glean sweet corn and deliver the produce to
Missouri						
New Mexico	Lloyd Wilhelm, CED San Juan County FSA (505) 334-3090	8/20-22/96 (beginning at 7:00 am)	Farmington, NM and Monticello, UT	"Stork of Nutrition"	Stewart Noble of Echo Food Bank, Mayors of Farmington and Aztec, State Reps, SEDs from FSA and Rural Development	On Aug. 20, Members along with NAPI will glean vegetables including potatoes and distribute the produce to Echo Food Bank, Navajo Nation Chapterhouses, and others. On Aug 21, Members will participate in a graduation ceremony for all New Mexico USDA AmeriCorps Members in Monticello, UT and along with NAPI glean corn and potatoes and distribute the produce to Road Runner Food Bank.

New York	Tom Della Rocca, CED Albany County FSA (518) 765-3570	8/22/96 11:00 am - 6:00 pm	Albany, NY	"NY SUMMER OF GLEANING"	NY SED, Rep. Mike McNulty	Members and volunteers will glean vegetables at a farm of a former FSA County Committee Chairman and distribute the produce to regional food banks and food pantries.
Rhode Island	Patricia Seites, Project Mgr. Rhode Island State FSA (401) 828- 8232	8/22/96 8:30 am - 3:30 pm	Smithfield, RI		CT and RI FSA State Office Staffs	Members are planning to glean at an orchard (location not yet determined) in the northern part of the State or glean corn in the eastern part of the State followed by the graduation ceremony for the Members highlighted by a barbeque and/or New England Style Chowder fest.

FOOD RECOVERY INITIATIVE
OUTLINE FOR STRATEGIC PLAN

I. SETTING GOALS

- a) Have extensive conversations with Food Chain, Second Harvest, etc. about what role USDA can play that empower -- rather than duplicates or hinders -- their efforts.
- b) Ask FCS, ~~ARS~~^{ERS} or other entity to quickly so study how much food is currently wasted; how much food is currently gleaned or recovered; how many farms, restaurants, etc. are currently involved in recovery activities
- c) Create vision statement and mission statement
- d) Create concrete, measurable benchmarks for how many more tons or percentage of food to be recovered; and/or number of farms and restaurants will be participating, etc.
- e) Create time-time for achieving goals and for each step in implementing measures to reach the goals

II. IMPLEMENTING MEASURES TO REACH THE GOALS

- a) Decal and Poster Campaign
 - 1) Design logo
 - 2) Print decals and posters - budget?
 - 3) Determine guidelines for restaurant, farm, and institutions participating
 - 4) Sign-up participants, monitor participation - ONGOING
- b) Employee Volunteerism
 - 1) Policy on employee leave or activities
 - 2) Create new category for Secretary's honor awards
 - 3) Gleaning/urban gardening tie to Van Ness School

Secretary's

c) ~~Citizenship~~ Award

- 1) Decide on award qualifications and process
- 2) Print awards
- 3) Implement process
- 4) Set ceremony - perhaps during National Gleaning Day or Week

d) Food Recovery and Citizen Service Foundation

- 1) Ask Secretary to approve general direction of legislative proposal
- 2) Run draft language by OGC, OBPA, and OMB
- 3) Decide upon best legislative vehicle and recruit Congressional sponsors

e) Community Food Security Act

- 1) Secretary must decide which office or offices will take lead role --
- 2) Possible roles for AmeriCorps and EZ/EC should be determined
- 3) Policy decisions should be made about what we hope Act can achieve --- held with De La Garza etc for instance, can we use the Act to investigate the possibility whether a large-scale, comprehensive, network of gleaning projects, farmers markets, and community gardens can become a cheaper but more empowering alternative to Food Stamps and other Federal nutrition assistance programs?
- 4) Request for proposals must be written and cleared
- 5) Financial and administrative structures for distributing and monitoring grants must be created or clarified
- 6) Request for proposals must be published the Federal Register
- 7) Grant applications reviewed and awards made

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f) 800 line -- monitor its use and effectiveness and ensure that it has updated information about all activities of the initiative -- possible e-mail link to USDA gleaning office

g) Using Computers

1) Home page --- Make sure FCS, Extension, Wood Hunger Year, etc agree on one food recovery home page with useful information that is updated regularly

2) Internet Exchange -Ron DeMunbrun of my staff had the idea to set up great "electronic matching service" to link up producers and institutions with excess food with food banks, soup kitchens, etc. who need the extra food

h) Liability Coverage

1) Possible Federal law - Danner Amendment or language in Foundation?

2) Clarifying state laws - letter from Glickman, Reno, and head of Association of State Attorneys General to each state attorney general

i) AmeriCorps

1) Summer of Gleaning Launch June 10

2) Visit sites and monitor progress

3) Mid-project and project-end progress reports

4) Making projects permanent after AmeriCorps

5) Finalize Olympics and conventions involvement

6) Research, write report of food recovery through youth service

j) Olympics

1) Letter to Olympic Committee

2) Gleaning POTUS dinner - *Jim*

k) National political conventions

1) Letter to party chairs, convention managers

- l) Presidential inauguration
- m) Other Federal agencies
 - 1) Set up inter-agency working group
 - 2) Recover food from cafeterias and commissaries
 - 3) Work with GSA and Department of Defense on excess vehicles and refrigeration units, etc. for food recovery groups
 - 4) Work with FDA on regulations that force food banks to throw out packaged food because of with dents in outer box
- n) Food waste in other USDA Programs
 - 1) Summer Feeding Program
 - 2) Commodities Distribution
- m) National Day or week of recovery
 - 1) Presidential proclamation
 - 2) Letter to Harris Wofford
- o) Additional youth service and citizen service involvement
 - 1) How can 4-H, FFA, boy and girl scouts, churches, mosques, and synagogues, etc. be more involved?
 - 2) How can the Farm Bureau, Farmer's union, Rotary, etc. be more involved
 - 3) How about food-related unions such as UFCW?
 - 4) Create Secretary's volunteer program
 - 5) Create sign-up forms

not to include

media

8/26 - 9/2

III. MEASURING SUCCESS IN ACHIEVING THE GOALS

- a) Regular, perhaps quarterly, measurement of success in reaching benchmarks
- b) Frequent consultation with partners over whether benchmarks are sensible and accurate

IV. COMMUNICATING SUCCESSES

- a) Media Plan for POTUS, VP, and/or First Lady
- b) Possible POTUS event at Olympics - check with Loftus and others at White House - Brief Carol Racso and Bruce Reed (Potential domestic policy council)
- c) TV, radio, and print PSA's
- d) Media and speaking plan for the Secretary
- e) Media and speaking plan for sub-cabinet
- f) Media and speaking plan for FSA and RD state directors
- g) Plan for use of FSA state and county committees
- h) Internal communications through USDA news and employee pay stubs
- i) Decal and poster campaign
- j) Distribution of Extension Service report

V. RESOURCES NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH ABOVE TASKS

- a) Program budget
- b) Administrative budget
- c) Staffing
- d) Time

17th = Project -

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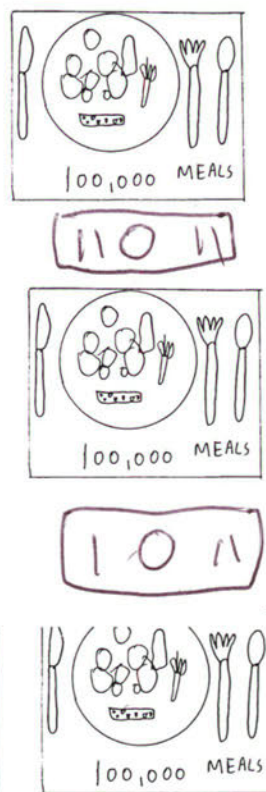
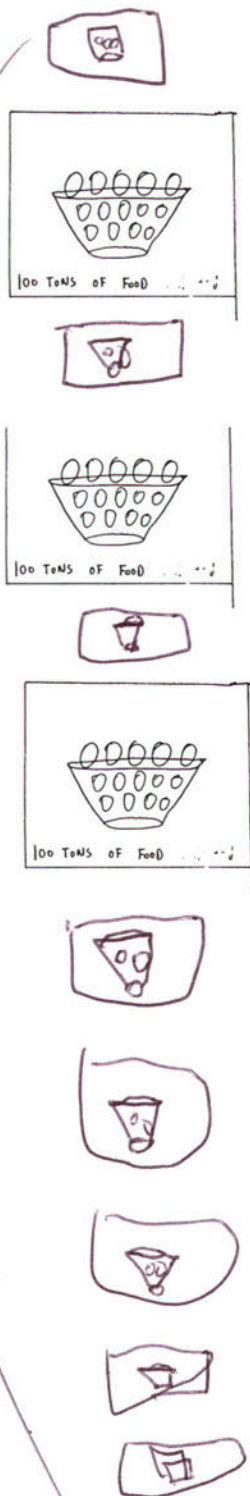
USDA AMERICORPS "SUMMER OF GLEANING"

Mid-Project Results

1,100 TONS OF FOOD COLLECTED

750,000 MEALS PROVIDED

All
Same
Size



(All Same
Size)



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FIRST THREE QUARTER'S PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ORIGINAL AMERICORPS SERVICE OBJECTIVES

SUMMARY OF ALL WORK PERFORMED BY ALL SITES IN A PARTICULAR PROGRAM (OBJECTIVE) CODE

8/12/96
10:00 am

PGM Code	Objective Statement	Year's Quantity		1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	TOTAL
		Target	Quantity Unit of Measure	Quantity	Quantity	Quantity	Quantity	QUANTITY
EN-E007A	Persons trained for gardens	5	people trained	0	0	46	0	46
EN-H		0		0	0	0	0	0
EN-H007A	Farmland gleaned for distribution of food to hungry citizens	31,000	# of lbs of food rescued	0	0	176,483	0	176,483
EN-H008A	Food rescue program expanded	1,000	# of lbs of food rescued	0	0	51,650	0	51,650
EN-H009A	Food rescue program expanded	841,400	pounds of food	0	0	522,144	0	522,144
EN-H015A	Nutrition & food safety education provided to school children	0	students - educated	0	0	53	0	53
EN-H017A	Increase nutrition, food preparation/storage education	0	adults - educated	0	0	12	0	12
EN-H042A	Develop network for distribution of gleaned produce	113,000	# of lbs of food rescued	0	0	27,700	0	27,700
EN-H042B	Establish new food distribution centers for meals provided through Olympic games food rescue project.	25,000	# of meals served	0	0	0	0	0
EN-H045A	Create additional "Kids Cafes" through increased availability of gleaned/rescued foods	10	Cafes created	0	0	8	0	8
EN-R035A	Recruit and train volunteers to continue project in the fall	30	volunteers - recruited	0	0	56	0	56

176,483
51,650
27,700
255,833 lbs food rescued
522,144 lbs food
777,977
340,000 Olympics
1,117,977

~~F9 edit~~
~~F2 saved~~

\$ 506,192 ÷ 1,117,977 = 45¢ per pound
616,393 ÷ 1,117,977 = 55¢ per pound
592,192 ÷ 1,117,977 = 52¢
745,318 meals

OP	# of				1 QTR	1QTR	2 QTR	2 QTR	3 QTR	3 QTR	4 QTR	4 QTR	1 QTR	2 QTR	3 QTR	4 QTR	TOTAL					
Site Mem.	Team Type	Member Name	Agency/Office Name	St Phone #	Vol	Hrs	Vols.	Vol	Hrs	Vols	Vol	Hrs	Vols	Hrs	Serv.	Hrs	Serv.	Hrs	Serv.	Hrs	Serv.	HRS
																						Served
906A	GLN-RBC		City of Watsonville		0		0		0		0		0									
906B	GLN-RBC		Kings Co. Comm. Action Agency		0		0		0		0		0									
909A	GLN-FSA		FSA		0		0		0		0		0									
913A	GLN-RSC		Atlanta Community Food Bank		0		0		0		0		0									
917A	GLN-FSA		Farm Services Agency		0		0		0		0		0									
918A	GLN-RBC		Gleaners Food Bank		0		0		0		0		0									
918B	GLN-RBC		Catholic Charity Food Bank		0		0		0		0		0									
918C	GLN-RBC		East Central Regional Food Bank		0		0		0		0		0									
919A	GLN-FSA		Farm Services Agency		0		0		0		0		0									
921A	GLN-RBC		District Offc. Rural Development		0		0		0		0		0									
924A	GLN-FSA		Civic Works		0		0		0	523	157		0									
926A	GLN-FSA		Farm Services Agency		0		0		0		0		0									
926B	GLN-FSA		Farm Services Agency		0		0		0		0		0									
928A	GLN-RBC		RECD State Office		0		0		0		0		0									
929A	GLN-FSA		Farm Services Agency		0		0		0		0		0									
934A	GLN-OC		New Jersey Agricultural Society		0		0		0		0		0									
935A	GLN-FSA		Farm Services Agency		0		0		0	50	10		0									
935B	GLN-RBS		RECD State Office		0		0		0		0		0									
936A	GLN-FSA		Albany Service Corps		0		0		0	196	25		0									
941A	GLN-RBC		Oregon Food Bank		0		0		0	1004	354		0									
942A	GLN-RBC		Fayette Count. Comm. Action Agncy		0		0		0		0		0									
944A	GLN-FSA		FSA		0		0		0		0		0									
948A	GLN-RBC		RECD State Office		0		0		0		0		0									
948B	GLN-RBC		RECD State Office		0		0		0		0		0									
948C	GLN-RBC		RECD State Office		0		0		0		0		0									
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86 members

14978 hours

(29 members no hrs)

554 Volunteers

1798 Volunteer hours

cost

435,193

CNS FUND

70,999

USDA in-kind

8506,192

total Fed funds

\$110,201

Partner cash/in-kind

17.87% of total

$8506,192 \div 86 = 5885.95$

cost per member

6885.95

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(29 members no hrs)

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\$506,192 ÷ 86 = 5885.95
cost per member

6885.95
with Edward

27 sites
19 states

1798 hours
554 Volunteers

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Dear AmeriCorps Project Supervisor:

The week of August 19-25 was designated as *Food Recovery Week* by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman for all AmeriCorps/USDA projects. He would like these projects to rescue as much otherwise wasted food as possible for delivery to hungry families. Currently, we are running a unique project called "The AmeriCorps Summer of Gleaning" which I have enclosed some information about.

Secretary Glickman has also urged us to recruit non-USDA AmeriCorps members to include them in the activities of this week. I have talked with Bill Basl, the Executive Director of the Washington State Commission on National and Community Service, and he feels that your AmeriCorps members' involvement in these activities would be a good use of your members' training leave time. He also agrees with me that at this moment of unsure continued funding for AmeriCorps, that the publicity that this event would attract would be very positive for the image of AmeriCorps with the public and especially with our U.S. Senators and Representatives.

We have three days set aside for your member's involvement. **August 20** and **August 21** would be set aside for AmeriCorps members that work in the *Seattle-Tacoma area*. On the first day, we will glean in the fields of the Puyallup Valley. Usually the days start early and end around midday to beat the heat of August. On August 21 we will be canning donated food in a commercial cannery in *Kent* during the afternoon shift which starts at 2:30 and lasts 4.5 hours. The cannery is owned by the Mormon Church and the canned food will go to food banks. For *Yakima area* AmeriCorps members, we will have a day of gleaning on **August 22** in the Yakima Lower Valley. We have been picking onion and potatoes, but I am not sure what will be available on that day to glean or recover from processing plants. Again, we start early in the day.

I will be contacting the media and our U.S. Senators and Representatives to arrange exposure to these three days of food recovery. Please let me know ASAP whether you are interested in participating.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Garrett

County Extension Faculty

cc: Maite Marino, Project supervisor, AmeriCorps Summer of Gleaning
David Ottey, Executive Director, The Emergency Food Network
Merle Harrison, Project Coordinator, The EFNEP Gleaning Project

The AmeriCorps Summer of Gleaning

WSU Cooperative Extension in Pierce County

This 1996 summer-only project will place six AmeriCorps members and their supervisor, Maite Marino in the fields of the Puyallup and Yakima Valleys picking and then canning otherwise wasted produce for hungry families.

The AmeriCorps Team will stay in the Yakima Valley during part of each week picking produce there. During other times of the week they will be either working in the gleaning garden at WSU Puyallup, gleaning along side of the EFNEP Gleaning Project volunteers and staff, or working a commercial cannery in Kent that has been provided by the Mormon Church. The canned produce will be labeled that it has been canned by the WSU Cooperative Extension in Pierce County's AmeriCorps members and EFNEP Gleaning volunteers in collaboration with the Emergency Food Network. This year we will be canning salmon, apples, and carrots.

The long-term expectations of this project are to foster and develop better cross-state recovery and delivery of otherwise wasted produce to hungry families. To do this, we need to recover produce from fields and processors of the Yakima Valley and bring it across the state to be canned. Then some of the canned produce can be trucked back to the food banks in the Yakima Valley for their use during the winter months when unemployment soars and their food banks are empty.

Due to the many barriers facing such a daunting and ambitious project, many of these proposed actions will not be attained this year. Yet the AmeriCorps Team Summer of Gleaning Team is paving the way for this eventuality through all of the positive contacts they are making. Many positive and fruitful contacts have also been made with food processors in the Yakima Valley. They are also breaking down stereotypes about gleaners with farmers. They are also showing Yakima area food banks operators that the Emergency Food Network is sincere in their desire to lessen the severity of hunger in Yakima by working in a mutually beneficial way.

If you are interested in assisting us with this project or would like more information, please call these toll-free numbers: Chris Gerke with Blue Mountain Food Share at 1-800-229-2826; Steven Garrett at 1-800-992-2115, ext. 7180; or the AmeriCorps Project Supervisor Maite Marino's cell phone in Yakima 961-0552 or 906-4149 when she is in the Tacoma area.

March 11, 1996

To: Katherine Gibney
From: Joel Berg
Subject: Sample Section of Comprehensive Communications Plan

In an effort to provide you more detailed guidance on how to prepare a comprehensive communications plan, below is a detailed outline for one component of the plan -- the component reflecting radio.

{Information in brackets is information you will have to provide as you create an actual plan.}

Section I. Goals

The yearly goals for this plan are as follows:

- 1) To obtain positive news coverage at least once on 75% {also fill in raw number}, at least twice on 50% {fill in raw number}, and at least three times on 25% {fill in raw number} of the local stations who regularly cover local news. 70% of this coverage should mention AmeriCorps and USDA at least once and correctly identify the basic structure and functioning of AmeriCorps.
- 2) To secure participation in local talk, public, affairs and/or call in shows at least once on 50% {fill in raw number}, and at least twice on 15% {fill in raw number} of the stations with such shows. 80% of this coverage should mention AmeriCorps and USDA at least once and correctly identify the basic structure and functioning of AmeriCorps.
- 3) To obtain coverage at least once on at least ten different state-wide commercial or public radio networks. 80% of this coverage should mention AmeriCorps and USDA at least once and correctly identify the basic structure and functioning of AmeriCorps.
- 4) To obtain coverage on at least one national radio network.
- 5) To collect cassette tapes in the national office for 75% of all local, state, and national radio coverage.

Section II. Strategic Situation

There are _____ {fill in number} radio stations in media markets in or nearby sites of USDA AmeriCorps projects. Of those stations, _____ {fill in number} have locally-originated news programs that regularly cover secular, general interest news or agricultural, environmental, economic, or social service news on topics similar to the service performed by nearby USDA AmeriCorps members. Of those stations, _____ {fill in number} have locally-originated public affairs, talk, or call-in programs that regularly cover secular, general interest topics or agricultural, environmental, economic, educational, youth, or social service topics similar to the service performed by nearby USDA AmeriCorps Members.

In the 45 states in which USDA AmeriCorps projects are currently located, _____ {fill in number} of those have state-wide public or commercial networks.

There are _____ {fill in number} of national radio networks.

{Detail what types of events and activities are --- and are not --- likely to get covered by local, state, and national radio. Summarize the type of radio coverage the projects have received to date at each level, highlighting which methods have been most effective in obtaining coverage. Explain differences between different types of markets, and different kinds of formats.}

Section III. Lists

{Provide a comprehensive list --- on a database--- of all local radio stations, state radio networks, and national radio networks located in media markets in which USDA AmeriCorps projects are located, by media market. Include college and university stations. Specify which of these cover local, secular news; for these, list the following: network affiliation, # of watts and/or Arbitron ratings, phone # for news department, phone # for actualities (if different than general news #), fax #, address, name of news director and/or news assignment editor, times and lengths of news broadcasts, best time or times to call with interviews and/or actuality, and brief history of their previous news coverage of AmeriCorps or of the Department. Please make a special method to provide a unique mark for all those stations that have regular shows, call in shows, or public affairs programs; for these, provide the name of the host/and/or the producer and the best time or times to call in, whether the show takes phone calls from guests or only accepts guests live, and the general range of topics discussed by the show. Make a special note of stations who have special coverage of agricultural, environmental, economic development, social service, educational, and/or youth issues.}

{Specify exactly how --- and by whom --- the database will be created, maintained, sorted, and turned into phone and fax lists}

Section IV. Site Visits

{Specify general proposals for the possibility that the President, the Vice-President, or the First Lady would visit a site or engage in a telephone briudge with members. Include suggestions for college radio. Suggest specific events or ideas. Specify how the logistics would work on such an event, including a calander specifying milestones and specifying the amount of staff time required for eacch task)

{Specify detailed proposals for the Secretary of Agriculture, the Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Under and Assistant Secretaries, the General Counsel, and the CEO of the Corporation for national Service to visit a site or engage in a telephone briudge with members. Include university radio stations. Suggest specific events or ideas. Specify how the logistics would work on such an event, including a time-line specifying milestones and specifying the amount of staff time required for eacch task. Specfiy the roles of the agencies and how this will be communicated through the Interagency Working Group and regional conference calls.}

{Specify the precise steps that will be atken with radio news and talk shows every time I travel. Include university radio stations. Specify how the logistics would work on each trip, including a time-line specifying milestones and specifying the amount of staff time required for eacch task. Specfiy the roles of the agencies and how this will be communicated through the Interagency Working Group and regional conference calls.}

Section V. Plan for Local News Coverage

{Specfy exactly how, in addition to my site vists, individual sites will obtain help to obtain news coverage. Include college radio stations. Include plans for the radio newslne, radio actualities, and interviews with me from Washington. Specify the roles of the agencies will be communicated through the Interagency Working Group and regional conference calls. Explain how we will communicate the key talking points and "do's and don'ts" for such coverage.}

Section VI. Plan for Local Talk Show Coverage

{Specify exactly how, in addition to my site vists, individual sites will obtain help to obtain talk, call-in, and public affirs show coverage. *nclude college radio stations. Include tthe possibility of interviews with me from Washington. Specify the roles of the agencies will be communicated through the Interagency Working Group and regional conference calls. Explain how we will communicate the key talking points and "do's and don'ts" for such coverage}

Sectiion VII. Plan for State-Wide Network Coverage

{Specify exactly how, in addition to my site visits, individual sites will obtain help to news coverage from a state-wide network. Focus particularly on state public radio systems with sophisticated news departments. Include plans for the radio newswire, radio actualities, and interviews with me from Washington. Specify the roles of the agencies will be communicated through the Interagency Working Group and regional conference calls. Explain how we will communicate the key talking points and "do's and don'ts" for such coverage. Include ideas for specific coverage on agricultural, environmental, business, youth, educational, and social service shows}}

Section VIII. Plan for National Network Coverage

{Specify ideas for obtaining national radio coverage, including coverage on speciality shows.}

Section IX. Collection of Tapes

{Specify the exact process you will use consistently to obtain 75% of the coverage on cassette tapes. Specify how such tapes will be catalogued and stored.}

Section X. Budget

Budget should include specific costs for obtaining radio bridges, dubbing audiotapes, and purchasing radio actuality equipment.

Section XI. Comprehensive Time-Line

{The comprehensive time-line should include all key events --- and should specify all the key events leading up to such events, including the phone lines to be reserved, the money transfer forms to be filled-out and sent, the media advisories to be sent, the use of radio actualities and the radio newswire, the timing of follow-calls to be sent, lists updated and formatted. etc. Include specifics about when other agency or other OC staff are expected to complete specific task, or when interns are expected to do so; if you include interns; include specific time-lines for recruiting and training them. All tasks should specify how much time they should take to complete.}

Time-line should include specific steps surrounding, but not limited to:

The "Launch"

1st Quarter Report

Release of annual report for previous year

Martin Luther King Birthday

2nd Quarter Report

Start of Forest Service recruitment

RECD Members training

Start of Forest Service projects

Earth Day

Update on final AmeriCorps appropriations

Announcement of Summer of Gleaning

National Day of Service

3rd Quarter Reports

Start of Summer of Gleaning

Announcement of New sites

Announcement of recruitment for next year

End of Summer of Gleaning

Update on reauthorization of AmeriCorps

DRAFT August 12, 1995

Proclamation
Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman

"NATIONAL WEEK OF FOOD RECOVERY"
August 19-26, 1996

Whereas, up to one fifth of all the food in America is thrown away unnecessarily. Some of it rots in fields unharvested. Some of it sits unused in storage bins. Some of it is thrown out by restaurants and supermarkets. In each such instance, the waste of food represents a missed opportunity for the entire nation.

Whereas, a rapidly expanding national movement --- lead by non-profit organizations, religious groups, and private citizens ---- is recovering such excess food and distributing that food to hungry citizens.

Whereas, AmeriCorps Members sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) are taking a lead role in expanding this movement, serving in partnership with over 100 {need updated number} locally based anti-hunger groups, youth service corps, food banks, and food recovery organizations in 20 states.

Whereas, these AmeriCorps projects have created and expanded collaborative ventures throughout the nation that bring together farmers, agribusinesses, food distribution organizations, special event organizers, large institutions, and restaurants to recover food that would be otherwise thrown away.

Whereas, it is important for the nation to recognize all Americans who are engaged in critical activities to recover excess food.

Therefore, I hereby declare the week of August 19-25, 1996 to be the "National Week of Food Recovery." This week should focus not only on what has already been accomplished, but on just how much still needs to be done.



NBC: WE HAVE A TERRIFIC OLYMPIC WRAP UP STORY FOR YOU!!!

- In his commentary during the Opening Ceremonies, Dick Enberg had something very poignant to say as the athletes from Lesotho, Africa marched out... *"I was really touched by the report out of the Olympic Village where the athletes just could not believe how much food was thrown away. In their words, 'This is perfectly good food. We have so many people who would enjoy what is just discarded here.'"*
- The Atlanta Community Food Bank has a story which should make Mr. Enberg and anyone who heard this particular comment feel good. Since the week before the Games, we have been picking up excess food from all Olympic venues within the Ring. This has never been attempted before....It took over a year of planning with ACOG and the Olympic food vendors, and we pulled it off beautifully. It has been a wonderful experience for all involved.
- As of Tuesday, August 6th, food collected by the Food Bank for agencies feeding the hungry now totals 387,000 pounds. That's enough to provide 258,000 meals! We will continue to pick up food through Thursday of this week.
- Several NBC affiliates have covered this story. However, we will have some terrific new visuals to offer this Thursday if NBC wants to cover this story: We will be getting in a huge haul from the Olympic Village on Thursday morning. Our tractor trailer will arrive at the Food Bank warehouse between noon and 1 p.m. Agencies will have access to this food at 1:00 if all goes as planned. You would be able to see the truck being unloaded and the agencies receiving the food. You would be able to interview a representative from the Food Bank and one of our agencies.
- There is a great national angle in that Americorps volunteers have been indispensable in helping us pick up and unload the food. Two of them have been with us since before the Games began and they will be here on Thursday. The other five will be back in Washington, D.C., but could be reached there for an interview. Secretary of Agriculture, Dan Glickman, may also be available for an interview out of D.C.
- This project will be documented in ACOG's official "After Action Report". This report will end up in the hands of those organizing the Games in Sydney. The Atlanta Community Food Bank intends to encourage the Food Bank in Sydney to follow our lead. We have laid some very solid groundwork for any future host cities.



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• **Comments:** Mr. Hamilton, thank you for your request about our role in the gleaning initiatives in Atlanta, Chicago, San Diego and Washington, DC. I have attached a copy of a memo, prepared by Josh Yates, the Director of our National Anti-Hunger Consortium and the person who spearheaded the gleaning efforts, explaining this unique public/private partnership.

The gleaning efforts described in the Post are a collaborative initiative between USDA/AmeriCorps, the Congressional Hunger Center, the American Culinary Federation and the local groups at each of the sites.

These modern manifestations of the biblical principle have come about because of the leadership of Congressman Tony P. Hall within Congress, and Secretary Dan Glickman within the USDA. USDA has a **Summer of Gleaning** initiative that utilizes AmeriCorps volunteers at 21 sites around the country, which have gleaned over one million pounds to date. Due to our unique relationship with USDA, our experience running service and gleaning programs and our successful track record in establishing national partnerships, we were asked to spearhead this collaboration.

Within our office, participants in our Mickey Leland Hunger Fellows Program (an AmeriCorps/VISTA project) and our DC Anti-Hunger Team (a USDA/AmeriCorps project) gleaned the food in Atlanta (preliminary numbers at 340,000 pounds). USDA/AmeriCorps participants from Los Angeles and Milwaukee will be working with the American Culinary Federation to prepare recipient agencies in San Diego and Chicago to properly handle, store and distribute food rescued from the conventions. Lastly, our DC Anti-Hunger Team will be working in conjunction with DC Central Kitchen to glean food at the Smithsonian 150th Anniversary.

Please call me for more information at the number above.

James Hamilton
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USDA/AmeriCorps "Summer of Gleaning"
Events Schedule for the Week of Gleaning

August 17

Food delivery and BAGNET Program

Maryland Homeless Veterans

301 North High Street

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Produce from area farms will be delivered to MHV early on August 17th. Sequence of events will be as follows:

- * As guests arrive they will be shown around, including where to sit and what work is available if they should choose to work.
- * 11:00 a.m. the assembled MHV Choir sings the Star-Spangled Banner
- * (5 minutes) Colonel Williams or Mitchell of MHV will emcee the ceremony. He will give a brief intro to MHV and then introduce guests and participating organizations. He then will turn podium over to highest ranking USDA official.
- * (5 minutes) USDA Representative may mention USDA history in anti-hunger and introduces Summer of Gleaning and National Food Recovery week. This person will introduce Dana Stein of Civic Works.
- * (5 minutes) Stein will state the names of the 5 USDA/AmeriCorps and will also state the gleaning event to take place on Tuesday, August 20th. He will invite everyone to participate by calling the Baltimore Area Gleaning Network (flyers will have been distributed by this time). Dana will name three partners and introduce George Roche (or Tom) of WAGN.
- * (3-5 minutes) WAGN rep will states their role and history
- * Colonel Williams will introduce Congressman Cardin
- * (5 minutes) Congressman Cardin
- * Other Congressmen or Senators to be given 5 minutes

If the Lt. Governor or Mayor comes, they will be allowed 5 minutes.

* emcee invites those who wish to, to help unload food as the MHV choir sings closing song.

Charles Sims USDA

FAX-202-690-1131

Info for August 20 will follow. PLEASE
Don't call any questions - THANKS!



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August 13, 1996

INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

From: Joel Berg *JB*

Subject: **Your Food Recovery Event in Sacramento on Wednesday, August 14**

The Actual Event:

You should arrive at the California Emergency Foodlink at 9:30 a.m., Pacific Time. You will be greeted by Foodlink Chief Executive Officer John Healey and Vice-President for Development Emily Katz, and Chairman of the Board Ken Grayson, who is director of the food assistance program (TFAP) of the California State Department of Social Services.

You will then be taken to visit with USDA AmeriCorps members from Central California --- some from Summer of Gleaning projects and some from year-long NRCS AmeriCorps projects --- who will be sorting and packing food. Also in the packing and sorting line will be Foodlink's regular job training employees who normally work that line. The food they will be packing and sorting was rescued by Fresno Community Food Resources, a partner group with the Summer of Gleaning program. **If you chose to do so, you may help the AmeriCorps members sort and pack the food for a few minutes.**

You will then make brief remarks praising the efforts of the California Emergency Foodlink, announcing the "National Week of Food Recovery," and announcing the efforts to recover food at both the Republican and Democratic conventions.

You will then tour the Foodlink with its staff, seeing the prepared and perishable food rescue program, the cold storage unit, and Foodlink's packaging job training division.

You should leave for your next event at 10:30 a.m., Pacific Time.

The event will be open to the media; some local media may attend. Neither Congressman Fazio nor Congressman Matsui, in whose district the Foodlink is located, will be able to join you for the event.

Background:

The California Emergency Foodlink is a highly successful public/private partnership that expects to deliver 53 million pounds of food this year, free of charge, to about 50 food pantries throughout California. (News clips about the project are attached).

Some of the AmeriCorps Members you will be meeting will be from USDA Rural Development-sponsored Summer of Gleaning projects in Kings County and the City of Watsonville, California. To date this summer, the AmeriCorps members in Kings County have fed 4,665 people with 9,102 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables; the AmeriCorps members in Watsonville have fed 3,487 people with 348,853 pounds of food. (See attached memorandum),

Some of the AmeriCorps Members will be from USDA NRCS-sponsored projects nearby Sacramento that are working with private landowners to protect their property against the risk of wildfires.

Talking Points:

- * The California Emergency Foodlink is a highly successful public/private partnership that collects and distributes recovered food state-wide. This year, it expects to deliver 53 million pounds of food. The Foodlink demonstrates how government and citizens can work together to clearly demonstrate the potential to expand food recovery efforts throughout the nation.

- * USDA AmeriCorps members will be recovering food at the Republican and Democratic national political conventions and will be organizing a "National Week of Food Recovery" with events next week (August 19-25) in over ten states.

- * At the Republican National Convention in San Diego, USDA AmeriCorps Members sponsored by the Southern California Interfaith Hunger Coalition are currently working with Love's Gift, a San Diego food recovery agency, the American Culinary Federation, and San Diego homeless shelters to collect excess food from restaurants, events, cafeterias, and others convention-related sources and to distribute that food to area residents in need.

- * At the Democratic National Convention in Chicago USDA AmeriCorps Members sponsored by the Milwaukee Community Service Corps will be working with the Greater Chicago Food Depository and the American Culinary Institute to recover convention-related food.

- * It is heartening that USDA AmeriCorps Members will be collecting food from both national political conventions for distribution to hungry people in the San Diego and Chicago areas. Hunger does not divide itself by political party, and neither do ways to alleviate hunger. Both AmeriCorps and the USDA food recovery initiative demonstrate that Americans of all backgrounds --- regardless of political belief--- can band together to help tackle some of the nation's most pressing problems through innovative means

* USDA has designated next week (August 19-25) at the "National Week of Food Recovery" and that USDA AmeriCorps would be sponsoring food recovery events in at least 10 states to mark the week.

* It is hoped that the "National Week of Food Recovery" will focus attention not only on what has already been accomplished by the food recovery movement, but on just how much still needs to be done by the nation as a whole. Virtually every American can volunteer time or take some other action to help recover food.

* This Department's focus on food recovery is not based on the premise that a heavy-handed, bureaucratically driven, large government program based in Washington has all answers to the nation's problems. Conversely, it is not based on the premise that the free-market, volunteers, and non-profit organizations --- without any government assistance --- can alone solve all the nation's social problems. Rather, the Department's food recovery initiative is based on the reinventing government philosophy that believes government must provide energy, and vision to serve as a catalyst to increase citizen efforts.

* Both the food recovery effort at the national conventions and the "National Week of Food Recovery" events are being coordinated by AmeriCorps members in the USDA "Summer of Gleaning" program, which is currently underway in 20 states. The program has utilized members in the AmeriCorps national service program to work with numerous locally based anti-hunger groups, youth service corps, food banks, and food recovery organizations throughout the nation.

* The "Summer of Gleaning" program played a lead role in recovering over 174 tons of food from venues associated with the Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta.

* Nationally, the USDA AmeriCorps Members have recovered over 1,100 tons of food this summer, which will provide about three quarters of a million meals.

* AmeriCorps, President Clinton's national service program passed with bipartisan support by Congress, engages over 20,000 Americans of diverse backgrounds in performing service that meets critical community needs in return for an award which may be used for college, job training, or to pay back student loans. The majority of AmeriCorps members are working in partnerships with states, local governments, and non-profit organizations.

*The U.S. Department of Agriculture is running three types of AmeriCorps teams in 45 states, composed of approximately 1,000 members: an anti-hunger team, a public lands and environment team, and a rural development team. Many of the AmeriCorps projects are sponsored by community-based organizations and all projects are designed to "get things done," while boosting community, opportunity, and responsibility.



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MEMORANDUM

August 13, 1996

TO: Joel
FROM: Toni
RE: AmeriCorps Summer of Gleaning Event

Below is a brief description of Rural Development's Summer of Gleaning contribution to the August 13th event:

- **Kings County (Champion Community) Summer Gleaning Site:** Throughout the summer, three USDA AmeriCorps Members have been working in partnership with the Salvation Army, Kings Community Action Agency, and the Fresno Community Food Resources to replicate successful gleaning and food rescue programs in the neighboring Counties of Fresno and Tulare.

Kings County's goal is to feed 500 people, recruit 10 committed volunteers, and develop at least eight food resources so the gleaning program can continue after the AmeriCorps Members have completed their term of service. As of July 30th, Kings County AmeriCorps Members have fed 4,665 people 9,102 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables.

- **The City of Watsonville (EC Community):** Throughout the summer, two USDA AmeriCorps Members have been working to expand the existing food rescue programs in Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey Counties. The AmeriCorps Summer of Gleaning partners are USDA, the City of Watsonville, F.O.O.D. Crops, and the Second Harvest Food Bank. Watsonville's goal is to glean an additional one-half million pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables to help feed 5,000 people. As of July 30th, the Watsonville AmeriCorps Members have provided 348,853 pounds of food to feed 3,487 people.
- **California Emergency Food Link Event:** On August 13th, Elyse MiMuccio and Jennie Fitzugh, from the Kings County USDA AmeriCorps Team, and Bryan Rodriguez, from the Watsonville AmeriCorps Team, will be joining USDA-NRCS AmeriCorps Members and other local youth volunteers to pack and prepare for distribution 30,000 pounds of nectarines rescued by the Fresno Community Food Resources, and 33,000 pounds of lettuce and cold slaw rescued by F.O.O.D. Crops.

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Clearinghouse helps produce fill need

Move into facility allows storage, distribution of perishable items.

By Anne Gonzales
Special to The Packer

SACRAMENTO — When Mike Antle volunteers to serve food at the local soup kitchen, he sees people that go hungry. When he returns to his large vegetable packing shed, he sees pallets of vegetables that might go to waste because the product is too old or the market is depressed.

"There's a need out there," said Antle, part owner of Tanimura and Antle, a vegetable processing and packing company near Salinas.

"There's tons of produce that gets disked under. It's just a matter of distributing it to the people that need it," he said.

Antle is one of hundreds of California growers and packers that donate fresh fruit and vegetables to hungry, sick and poor people through a state clearinghouse for emergency food banks.

California Emergency Foodlink in Sacramento had a record-breaking year of distributing food, especially produce, to needy people under its "Donate — Don't Dump" program.

While the facility previously distributed dry goods from a 600,000-square-foot warehouse, the non-profit group recently moved into new headquarters at the Sacramento Army Depot and added 20,000 square feet of refrigerated space for storing perishables.

This summer, the group took in and distributed statewide an average of 2 million pounds of food a month, most of it fresh produce, said Emily Katz, vice president of resource development for California Emergency Foodlink. By Au-

gust, distribution peaked at nearly 3 million pounds of food, double last year's donations.

The food comes direct from growers and packers or from industry members that have banded together to donate produce, like the F.O.O.D. Crops cooperative in Castroville (F.O.O.D. is an acronym for Food Organizations Organizing and Distributing).

Each month, 1.2 million people get food from California Emergency Foodlink through 50 food banks statewide.

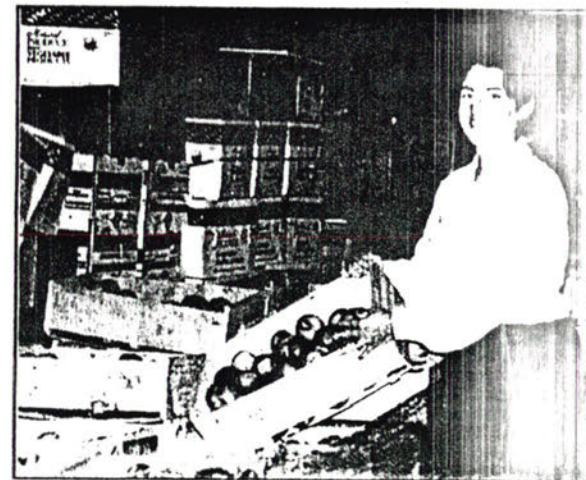
The California Emergency Foodlink was formed in 1992 as a spin-off of the local Sacramento emergency food bank. Katz said food banks across the state sometimes overflowed with food while others got scant supplies, an indication that a statewide system of distributing food was needed.

It is the only clearinghouse of its kind that distributes food statewide without imposing assessments on the growers or packers donating. Still, it wasn't easy to sell the program to many in the industry.

"Donating is something that for the most part, growers and packers are just becoming familiar with," Katz said. "In the past, they might have been willing to donate, but they didn't have the venue."

Growers and packers were skeptical about donating produce to needy people for fear unethical groups would sell the produce at a lower cost or let it rot in their warehouses.

"It's hard to build credibility, because people wonder if it's really reaching the needy," Katz said. "Growers and packers also wonder if they're undercutting themselves if the needy would have bought the produce anyway. We've been able to prove they wouldn't buy the pro-



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duce otherwise." Katz explained that fruits and vegetables are a discretionary part of an already tight budget for needy people.

Studies also show that more higher-income and better-educated people buy fruits and vegetables.

"Many inner-city markets don't even stock produce," Katz said. "People living on tight budgets go for the carbohydrates and proteins first."

Antle's packing operation donates between 6,000 and 8,000 pounds of vegetables a week, produce that can't ship to Eastern markets before its expiration date. The donated produce includes bagged salads, broccoli and cauliflower.

Linking Up to Fight Hunger

The California Emergency Foodlink provides an easy way for farmers to feed those who need it most.



CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY FOODLINK

California holds a well-deserved reputation as the land of plenty, but today, a growing number of our citizens do not share in the bounty.

At the same time, many of our farmers are struggling to make a living.

edge by illness and skyrocketing medical bills. The little girl whose father lost his job six months ago and hasn't been able to find anything since. The elderly woman who wants to remain independent and in her own home but can't afford the rent and utilities.

told, a shocking one in five residents lives in poverty, as defined by the Census Bureau.

California farmers are helping take the edge off this hunger through the California Emergency Foodlink, a non-profit, Sacramento-based organization founded in 1992 to secure food donations and distribute them statewide. In the past, Foodlink's emphasis has been on fresh produce, because of the difficulty other agencies have with handling, storage and distribution of perishables. "We have a half-million square feet of storage space, so it's easier for us to handle fresh foods than other organizations," explains Emily Katz, Foodlink's vice president of development.

But dried fruits, nuts and other less-perishable foods are highly desirable as well, she stresses. "We welcome them, absolutely. They're high in protein, iron and key nutrients" often lacking in the diet. The need for such foods is especially critical today, with indications that funding for federal food programs will be reduced or even eliminated as the federal government struggles to balance its budget.



CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY FOODLINK

(Above) A child enjoys fruit donated by a California farmer through the California Emergency Foodlink's "Donate—Don't Dump" program. A shocking one in five children in the Golden State is at risk of hunger. (Photo at left) Developmentally disabled adults learn community living, workplace etiquette, sorting and identification skills by repackaging donated fruit from bins to bags for distribution throughout the state.

ly important to get the kinds of foods that Sun-Diamond members grow, foods that store well and can be kept on hand as an emergency supply, besides being very healthy."

Tulare County has a 22-percent anemia rate, Katz points out, citing examples of hunger in agriculture's own backyard. "Kids there are not getting enough iron; they go to school, can't concentrate and cause discipline problems. This is totally preventable. All

it takes is access to adequate food and a balanced diet."

Counties such as Trinity and Siskiyou have unemployment levels 5 to 10 percent above the state average. "These are proud families that are used to working and would rather starve than go on food stamps," she says. "The only way to keep food in their warehouses and people from going hungry is to distribute actual food items." Foodlink envisions a resource-

for the benefit of those Californians who are hardest hit. "Our whole philosophy is to link those with food they can't sell or otherwise want to donate to those who can't afford to feed their families," states Katz. With harvest just down the road and the month of October declared Hunger Awareness Month, what could be a more appropriate time for growers to consider donating or otherwise assisting efforts to feed the less fortunate?

Broad Endorsement

Just this March, Foodlink received the imprimatur of the state's highest office, when Governor Wilson signed a proclamation directing the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and the Department of Social Services (DSS) to work with the organization to encourage donations, and to gather and distribute food to California's hungry.

"The need is clear and we will do all we can to encourage growers to participate," says CDFA Undersecretary Mike Chrisman, who was instrumental in getting the proclamation signed. This Diamond Walnut member's personal interest in organizations like the California Emergency Foodlink dates back more than a decade, to his own involvement with Tulare County food-bank efforts and organizations such as Senior Gleaners. "It's part of a commitment to the community—an active way of recognizing the need to help those who are less fortunate," he explains.

"When our local food bank became connected with Foodlink, we saw that this was a highly effective way to serve even more of the state's needy." The department discovered "the entire agricultural community to be extremely supportive of these types of efforts," adds Chrisman, who paid a visit to Foodlink's facilities and found them to be "extremely well-run. It's obvious there is a strong commitment there."

Other industry leaders, including the Agricultural Council of California, stand firmly behind the organization's efforts. "Those involved in agriculture pride themselves with feeding so

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many people, and when they're in a position to provide for the needy, farmers are very responsive and generous," observes Karen Barrett Ross, vice president of governmental affairs for the Ag Council.

The Ag Council found a "great partner" in Foodlink in responding to the recent attacks on marketing orders. "They have a real appreciation of agriculture's need to enhance its image with the general public," Ross adds. "They also understand how they can benefit from the generosity of the farming community, and especially how grade and quality standards help free up produce for them to work with. They've been positive partners for some of our programs in the California legislature."

"From an organizational point of view, they have the kind of documentation and recordkeeping that assures the farm community that what they donate will go to the people who need it," she says. "It's wonderful that they have the facilities and mechanisms in place to move food to any area of the state...it's a terrific system."

Distribution to Every County

The California Emergency Foodlink grew out of a small Sacramento food bank. "The concept of providing regional and statewide service didn't spring up overnight," says Katz. "It

developed out of a growing need."

The organization's founders had been doing local emergency food work for more than a decade when the need

this surplus and take it to where others didn't have enough, trading and redistributing supplies so that everyone had enough of what they needed."



CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY FOODLINK

Foodlink's 540,000 square feet of storage space, six trucks and 70 employees stand ready to pick up, store and transport California's agricultural bounty statewide.

became apparent for regional and statewide service, and a transportation link between food donors and recipients. "It turned out that agencies in some of the agricultural areas were receiving more donations of fresh foods than they could handle locally, and at the same time were lacking some of the staples. We were able to pick up

she says.

From its beginnings in 1992, with two trucks, seven employees and 30,000 square feet of warehouse space, Foodlink now has six trucks, 70 employees and 540,000 square feet at the old Sacramento Army Depot. The nature and scope of the program continues to expand as well, as funding

How Can I Help?

THE CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY FOOD LINK is a nonprofit organization founded in 1992 as a clearinghouse to distribute food supplies statewide to the hungry.

Through "Donate—Don't Dump," its biggest and best-known program, it works with California farmers and packers to "rescue" millions of tons of food that otherwise might be discarded and waste a valuable resource. It helps hungry people even

month in all 58 California counties.

Foodlink also distributes packaged staple goods to low-income people in Northern California for USDA's The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), gets food to senior citizens and people affected by HIV, and provides distribution of food gathered through drives by state employees, postal workers and the Boy Scouts. Other programs include job training for the homeless and hard-to-

place, and distributing emergency food supplies to victims of fires, earthquakes and other disasters.

The organization charges no handling fees nor does it ever sell, trade or barter donations for goods or services. No agency it works with is permitted to charge fees to hungry people or other programs, and food is distributed regardless of faith.

Donating to Foodlink
Foodlink's most interested

in working with California farmers and packers to line up donations of any and all types of fresh and dried fruits, vegetables, nuts and other nutritious edibles, but it also welcomes volunteers to help with sorting, boxing and preparing food or driving vans to pick up food from local restaurants and grocery stores.

For more information or to line up a donation, contact Foodlink at P.O. Box 292700, Sacramento, CA 95829; or call toll-free: (800) 283-9000.

dwindles but the need for food grows.

The organization distributes food to every county in the state, through the state's Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) network established by the California Department of Social Services. DSS works with county boards of supervisors to identify agencies to handle distribution, then carefully monitors and audits the agencies to ensure that no one is selling the food and that donations go to the neediest families.

In addition, the U.S. Department of Agriculture spends some \$80 million annually to purchase staples ranging from beans and butter to rice, which are distributed to each state based on population and unemployment and poverty rates. "Families in need receive four USDA items a month, and if that's all the emergency food they're getting and they run out, they really need the kinds of supplements we can provide," says Katz.

Local churches across the state serve as the backbone of the distribution network. "Often families won't take charity but will accept donations from a church," Katz explains, pointing out that feeding the hungry is truly an interfaith effort that encompasses many denominations. Food is also distributed through community and senior centers and children's shelters. "We have broad distribution but our real specialty is the areas that don't have ready access to the agricultural bounty of California," Katz says.

The organization guarantees flexible scheduling and speedy pickup of food items at the farm gate, and equally rapid delivery to where they're needed most. "We do everything we can to relieve the burden on the donor, from providing transportation to bins and pallets. We'll work around your needs, seven days a week," she promises.

Furthering its mission, the California Emergency Foodlink recently began a job-training program in partnership with business. The homeless, hard-to-place jobless, and youths-at-risk are taught skills to assist local corporations with warehousing operations. Money from business goes to paying these individuals working wages and is pumped back into

Foodlink to keep its trucks on the road.

Foodlink also provides emergency food for disaster victims—and certainly has found its hands full these past three years with earthquakes, fires, floods and riots.

"It takes us just 24 hours to get there with our trucks to provide food to those whose money has run out, or to areas where the food supply has been wiped out," Katz says.

Other Benefits

Besides the psychic rewards, there are other benefits, and Foodlink advises farmers interested in donating to consult their accountants.

The organization is currently sponsoring a piece of legislation, A.B. 364 (Cannella), to give a 10 percent tax credit for donors of food and a 50 percent credit for donors of transportation to food banks. "It will make the process simpler and relieve cost burdens associated with donating," Katz says. A tax credit previously existed for producers and processors but that "sunsetted"; the new law is further-reaching

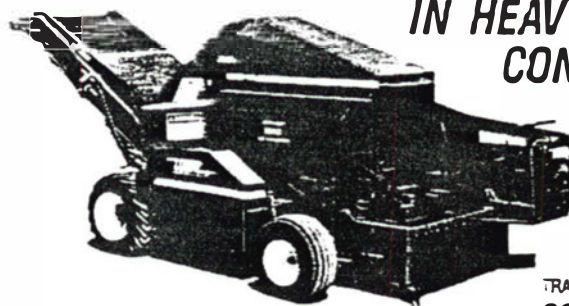
in that it includes those providing transportation, too.

The Ag Council, the California Farm Bureau Federation and the California Trucking Association are firmly behind the bill, and both Ross and Katz urge farmers to write their legislators in support of its passage. "It will be a terrific tool for everyone involved, from food banks and their recipients to farmers and truckers," says Katz.

To find out more about the California Emergency Foodlink or to make an actual donation, contact the organization at the number and address listed in the sidebar on page 12. "Anyone who's drying or processing food—if there's a mistake made in packaging or you have too much of it, call our 800 number and we'll get it to someone who needs it," Katz urges.

"There's nothing worse than the feeling of running out of food and having nowhere to turn. And there's just no excuse for it in California, where we produce enough food to feed the world over."

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OPINION

Government doing good things

Some 22 percent of the children of Tulare County, one of the poorest counties in the state, suffer from anemia, an iron deficiency associated with a lack of green vegetables and protein. The local food bank there is able to supply plenty of fresh fruit to the poor of Tulare but not enough green vegetables, beans, rice and canned goods.

That's where Sacramento-based Emergency Foodlink steps in, bringing Tulare donated vegetables from Salinas, canned goods from Stockton, bananas from the Port of Long Beach, while, in turn, trucking surplus fruit from Tulare to hungry people in other parts of the state.

Established three years ago by the California Department of Social Services, the partially state-funded but privately run nonprofit Emergency Foodlink has collected and distributed more than 14 million pounds of donated food to 1.2 million hungry state residents since 1992, making it the largest distributor of donated food in the country.

For its good work, Emergency Foodlink has just been named a recipient of the prestigious 1995 Innovations in American Government Awards. Sponsored by the Ford Foundation and Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, the award applies a

minimum \$20,000 Ford Foundation grant and an opportunity to compete for \$100,000. Foodlink beat out 1,450 other applicants to become one of 30 finalists for an award designed to recognize government programs and policies that represent new and highly effective approaches to meeting public needs.

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Foodlink was created in 1992 through a public/private partnership with the California Department of Social Services as part of Governor Pete Wilson's privatization program. Foodlink's short-range mission was to channel government commodities from The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) to rural emergency feeding agencies throughout California. The long-range mission was to replace TEFAP, a federal commodities distribution program that was facing possible extinction. TEFAP once provided one billion pounds of food to the nation's hungry each year but now provides less than 15 million pounds per year. Further complicating this situation was the fact that good produce was going to waste in California because it was substandard or difficult for farmers to process for profitable sale.

Foodlink has worked extensively with the agricultural and food industries to develop major, on-going food donation programs to get this much needed food into the hands of the 1.5 million hungry Californians Foodlink serves each month. This good produce was previously turned under in the field, sent to landfills or sold as feed—despite the fact that it was perfectly edible and fit for human consumption. Donate—Don't Dump takes what farmers can't sell and makes it available for free to people who can't afford to buy it. Foodlink delivers this food to distributing agencies throughout the state to supplement commodities being provided through TEFAP. There is never a charge to donors, agencies or recipients, and donations are never sold, traded or bartered for goods or services.

Donate—Don't Dump has more than doubled in volume for three consecutive years. In 1993, this program handled 979,690 pounds of donated food. By 1994, that number reached 1,961,887 pounds. And in 1995, Donate—Don't Dump rescued 20.7 million pounds of good food. For these efforts, Foodlink was awarded the 1995 Innovations in American Government Award presented by The Ford Foundation and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. The award recognized Foodlink's new and highly effective approaches to meeting public needs. Naming Foodlink one of the top programs in the nation, the Ford Foundation noted "the real winners are the American people, who benefit from government working at all levels to improve the quality of life."

Foodlink's second major effort involves implementing job creation, training and business partnership programs that simultaneously generate program income and jobs for the unemployed and those on welfare. In this way, the program puts at-risk people to work while paying for its statewide food distribution efforts.

Foodlink currently has business partnerships with sixteen major companies, generating about \$2 million in annual revenue and creating 122 new jobs over the past year. These job training programs created new positions for 47 homeless adults, 22 displaced workers, 5 people on welfare, 40 parolees from the California Youth Authority and 8 adult parolees.

As a part of its comprehensive job training program Foodlink provides support services to help employees in their welfare-to-work transition. Foodlink's job training programs help these individuals develop job retention skills and become self-sufficient, breaking the cycle of poverty and unemployment. In addition, they help Foodlink become a self-supporting organization. Foodlink is as committed to eliminating its need for government funding as it is to ending hunger in California. The revenue generated by its partnership contracts pays for the job training program and partially underwrites Foodlink's food distribution efforts. From zero self-generated income three years ago, Foodlink is well on its way to self-sufficiency, now generating almost 45 percent of its annual budget through these job training partnerships.



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MEMORANDUM

August 13, 1996

TO: Joel
FROM: Toni
RE: AmeriCorps Summer of Gleaning Event

Below is a brief description of Rural Development's Summer of Gleaning contribution to the August 13th event:

- **Kings County (Champion Community) Summer Gleaning Site:** Throughout the summer, three USDA AmeriCorps Members have been working in partnership with the Salvation Army, Kings Community Action Agency, and the Fresno Community Food Resources to replicate successful gleaning and food rescue programs in the neighboring Counties of Fresno and Tulare.

Kings County's goal is to feed 500 people, recruit 10 committed volunteers, and develop at least eight food resources so the gleaning program can continue after the AmeriCorps Members have completed their term of service. As of July 30th, Kings County AmeriCorps Members have fed 4,665 people 9,102 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables.

- **The City of Watsonville (EC Community):** Throughout the summer, two USDA AmeriCorps Members have been working to expand the existing food rescue programs in Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey Counties. The AmeriCorps Summer of Gleaning partners are USDA, the City of Watsonville, F.O.O.D. Crops, and the Second Harvest Food Bank. Watsonville's goal is to glean an additional one-half million pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables to help feed 5,000 people. As of July 30th, the Watsonville AmeriCorps Members have provided 348,853 pounds of food to feed 3,487 people.
- **California Emergency Food Link Event:** On August 13th, Elyse MiMuccio and Jennie Fitzugh, from the Kings County USDA AmeriCorps Team, and Bryan Rodriguez, from the Watsonville AmeriCorps Team, will be joining USDA-NRCS AmeriCorps Members and other local youth volunteers to pack and prepare for distribution 30,000 pounds of nectarines rescued by the Fresno Community Food Resources, and 33,000 pounds of lettuce and cold slaw rescued by F.O.O.D. Crops.

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Clearinghouse helps produce fill need

Move into facility allows storage, distribution of perishable items.

By Anne Gonzales
Special to The Packer

SACRAMENTO — When Mike Antle volunteers to serve food at the local soup kitchen, he sees people that go hungry. When he returns to his large vegetable packing shed, he sees pallets of vegetables that might go to waste because the product is too old or the market is depressed.

"There's a need out there," said Antle, part owner of Tanimura and Antle, a vegetable processing and packing company near Salinas.

"There's tons of produce that gets disked under. It's just a matter of distributing it to the people that need it," he said.

Antle is one of hundreds of California growers and packers that donate fresh fruit and vegetables to hungry, sick and poor people through a state clearinghouse for emergency food banks.

California Emergency Foodlink in Sacramento had a record-breaking year of distributing food, especially produce, to needy people under its "Donate — Don't Dump" program.

While the facility previously distributed dry goods from a 600,000-square-foot warehouse, the non-profit group recently moved into new headquarters at the Sacramento Army Depot and added 20,000 square feet of refrigerated space for storing perishables.

This summer, the group took in and distributed statewide an average of 2 million pounds of food a month, most of it fresh produce, said Emily Katz, vice president of resource development for California Emergency Foodlink. By Au-

gust, distribution peaked at nearly 3 million pounds of food, double last year's donations.

The food comes direct from growers and packers or from industry members that have banded together to donate produce, like the F.O.O.D. Crops cooperative in Castroville (F.O.O.D. is an acronym for Food Organizations Organizing and Distributing).

Each month, 1.2 million people get food from California Emergency Foodlink through 50 food banks statewide.

The California Emergency Foodlink was formed in 1992 as a spin-off of the local Sacramento emergency food bank. Katz said food banks across the state sometimes overflowed with food while others got scant supplies, an indication that a statewide system of distributing food was needed.

It is the only clearinghouse of its kind that distributes food statewide without imposing assessments on the growers or packers donating. Still, it wasn't easy to sell the program to many in the industry.

"Donating is something that for the most part, growers and packers are just becoming familiar with," Katz said. "In the past, they might have been willing to donate, but they didn't have the venue."

Growers and packers were skeptical about donating produce to needy people for fear unethical groups would sell the produce at a lower cost or let it rot in their warehouses.

"It's hard to build credibility, because people wonder if it's really reaching the needy," Katz said. "Growers and packers also wonder if they're undercutting themselves if the needy would have bought the produce anyway. We've been able to prove they wouldn't buy the pro-



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Emily Katz, vice president of resource development for California Emergency Foodlink, examines vegetables arriving at the group's new refrigerated warehouse for donation to needy people statewide.

duce otherwise."

Katz explained that fruits and vegetables are a discretionary part of an already tight budget for needy people.

Studies also show that more higher-income and better-educated people buy fruits and vegetables.

"Many inner-city markets don't even stock produce," Katz said. "People living on tight budgets go for the carbohydrates and proteins first."

Antle's packing operation donates between 6,000 and 8,000 pounds of vegetables a week, produce that can't ship to Eastern markets before its expiration date. The donated produce includes bagged salads, broccoli and cauliflower.

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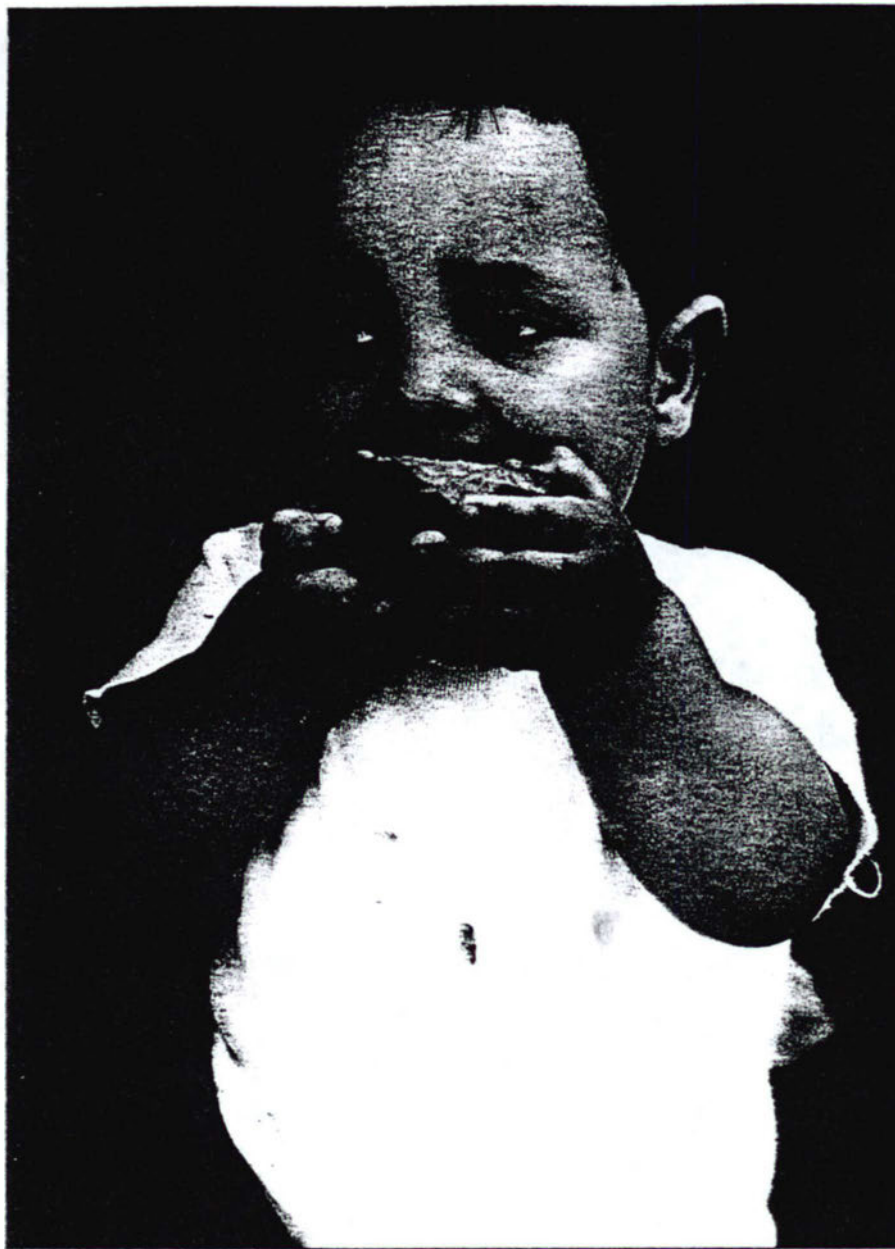
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(Above) A child enjoys fruit donated by a California farmer through the California Emergency Foodlink's "Donate—Don't Dump" program. A shocking one in five children in the Golden State is at risk of hunger. (Photo at left) Developmentally disabled adults learn community living, workplace etiquette, sorting and identification skills by repackaging donated fruit from bins to bags for distribution throughout the state.

ly important to get the kinds of foods that Sun-Diamond members grow, foods that store well and can be kept on hand as an emergency supply, besides being very healthy."

Tulare County has a 22-percent anemia rate, Katz points out, citing examples of hunger in agriculture's own backyard. "Kids there are not getting enough iron; they go to school, can't concentrate and cause discipline problems. This is totally preventable. All

it takes is access to adequate food and a balanced diet."

Counties such as Trinity and Siskiyou have unemployment levels 5 to 10 percent above the state average. "These are proud families that are used to working and would rather starve than go on food stamps," she says. "The only way to keep food in their cupboards and people from going hungry is to distribute actual food items."

Foodlink leverages food resources

for the benefit of those Californians who are hardest hit. "Our whole philosophy is to link those with food they can't sell or otherwise want to donate to those who can't afford to feed their families," states Katz. With harvest just down the road and the month of October declared Hunger Awareness Month, what could be a more appropriate time for growers to consider donating or otherwise assisting efforts to feed the less fortunate?

Broad Endorsement

Just this March, Foodlink received the imprimatur of the state's highest office, when Governor Wilson signed a proclamation directing the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and the Department of Social Services (DSS) to work with the organization to encourage donations, and to gather and distribute food to California's hungry.

"The need is clear and we will do all we can to encourage growers to participate," says CDFA Undersecretary Mike Chrisman, who was instrumental in getting the proclamation signed. This Diamond Walnut member's personal interest in organizations like the California Emergency Foodlink dates back more than a decade, to his own involvement with Tulare County food-bank efforts and organizations such as Senior Gleaners. "It's part of a commitment to the community—an active way of recognizing the need to help those who are less fortunate," he explains.

"When our local food bank became connected with Foodlink, we saw that this was a highly effective way to serve even more of the state's needy." The department discovered "the entire agricultural community to be extremely supportive of these types of efforts," adds Chrisman, who paid a visit to Foodlink's facilities and found them to be "extremely well-run. It's obvious there is a strong commitment there."

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The organization distributes food to every county in the state, through the state's Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) network established by the California Department of Social Services. DSS works with county boards of supervisors to identify agencies to handle distribution, then carefully monitors and audits the agencies to ensure that no one is selling the food and that donations go to the neediest families.

In addition, the U.S. Department of Agriculture spends some \$80 million annually to purchase staples ranging from beans and butter to rice, which are distributed to each state based on population and unemployment and poverty rates. "Families in need receive four USDA items a month, and if that's all the emergency food they're getting and they run out, they really need the kinds of supplements we can provide," says Katz.

Local churches across the state serve as the backbone of the distribution network. "Often families won't take charity but will accept donations from a church," Katz explains, pointing out that feeding the hungry is truly an interfaith effort that encompasses many denominations. Food is also distributed through community and senior centers and children's shelters. "We have broad distribution but our real specialty is the areas that don't have ready access to the agricultural bounty of California," Katz says.

The organization guarantees flexible scheduling and speedy pickup of food items at the farm gate, and equally rapid delivery to where they're needed most. "We do everything we can to relieve the burden on the donor, from providing transportation to bins and pallets. We'll work around your needs, seven days a week," she promises.

Furthering its mission, the California Emergency Foodlink recently began a job-training program in partnership with business. The homeless, hard-to-place jobless, and youths-at-risk are taught skills to assist local corporations with warehousing operations. Money from business goes to paying these individuals working wages and is pumped back into

Foodlink to keep its trucks on the road.

Foodlink also provides emergency food for disaster victims—and certainly has found its hands full these past three years with earthquakes, fires, floods and riots.

"It takes us just 24 hours to get there with our trucks to provide food to those whose money has run out, or to areas where the food supply has been wiped out," Katz says.

Other Benefits

Besides the psychic rewards, there are other benefits, and Foodlink advises farmers interested in donating to consult their accountants.

The organization is currently sponsoring a piece of legislation, A.B. 364 (Cannella), to give a 10 percent tax credit for donors of food and a 50 percent credit for donors of transportation to food banks. "It will make the process simpler and relieve cost burdens associated with donating," Katz says. A tax credit previously existed for producers and processors but that "sunsetted"; the new law is further-reaching

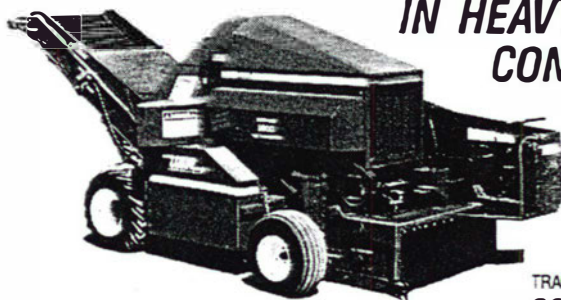
in that it includes those providing transportation, too.

The Ag Council, the California Farm Bureau Federation and the California Trucking Association are firmly behind the bill, and both Ross and Katz urge farmers to write their legislators in support of its passage. "It will be a terrific tool for everyone involved, from food banks and their recipients to farmers and truckers," says Katz.

To find out more about the California Emergency Foodlink or to make an actual donation, contact the organization at the number and address listed in the sidebar on page 12. "Anyone who's drying or processing food—if there's a mistake made in packaging or you have too much of it, call our 800 number and we'll get it to someone who needs it," Katz urges.

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Government doing good things

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That's where Sacramento-based Emergency Foodlink steps in, bringing Tulare donated vegetables from Salinas, canned goods from Stockton, bananas from the Port of Long Beach, while, in turn, trucking surplus fruit from Tulare to hungry people in other parts of the state.

Established three years ago by the California Department of Social Services, the partially state-funded but privately run non-profit Emergency Foodlink has collected and distributed more than 14 million pounds of donated food to 1.2 million hungry state residents since 1992, making it the largest distributor of donated food in the country.

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GLICKMAN TO ANNOUNCE "NATIONAL WEEK OF FOOD RECOVERY" AND EFFORTS AT NATIONAL POLITICAL CONVENTIONS DURING SACRAMENTO VISIT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13, 1996--In a visit to the California Emergency Foodlink, a food recovery program based in Sacramento, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman will announce that USDA AmeriCorps members will be recovering food at both national political conventions and will be organizing a "National Week of Food Recovery" with events next week in over ten states.

Secretary Glickman will join with USDA-sponsored AmeriCorps members at Foodlink in sorting and packaging food. The Secretary will then tour the facility. The AmeriCorps members are part of USDA's "Summer of Gleaning," which is now sponsoring food recovery projects in 20 states.

Currently in America, up to one fifth of all food is discarded. Secretary Glickman has made it one of his top personal priorities to encourage the non-profit, private, and public sectors to take steps to increase the recovery of excess food nationally.

What: The Secretary will join the AmeriCorps Members in sorting and packaging food, will make the national announcement, and will tour the facility.

When: Wednesday, August 14, 9:30 a.m..

Where: California Emergency Foodlink, 8350 Fruitridge Road, Sacramento, California --- site contact: Emily Katz, (916) 387-9000, ext. 105

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PRESS RELEASE

AmeriCorps Members Glean Food During Republican Convention

(Los Angeles) A special team from the Interfaith Hunger Coalition's USDA/AmeriCorps team will be participating in gleaning efforts in San Diego during the Republican National Convention, August 12-15, 1996. Sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture, this gleaning project is the second in a series throughout the summer. Previously, a special team worked during the Olympic Games in Atlanta and a team will also work during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago later in August.

Gleaning is the recovery of food from restaurants, caterers and other sources which is then distributed to food and homeless agencies in an attempt to relieve some of the hunger needs of persons who are homeless or otherwise unable to adequately provide the necessary food requirements for themselves and their families. The U. S. Department of Agriculture has a special 12-week "Summer of Gleaning" program underway in 20 states. August 19-25 has been designated as Food Recovery Week and all USDA/AmeriCorps projects are urged to engage in some activity to recover excess food.

Rod Sprott, Project Director for Interfaith Hunger Coalition's USDA/AmeriCorps team, said that the gleaning project is a natural continuation of the work done over the past two years. The role of AmeriCorps is to provide community service wherever the need arises. Seeing the potential for stocking shelters in the San Diego area, the USDA/AmeriCorps team is assisting Love's Gift, a San Diego organization which collects food daily from many sources and then delivers it to shelters throughout San Diego.

Interfaith Hunger Coalition is a non-profit organization located in Los Angeles which has for over 20 years been a leader in the advocacy of issues surrounding the causes and effects of hunger in California. Elizabeth Riley is Executive Director of IHC.

The AmeriCorps team at Interfaith Hunger Coalition is one of five anti-hunger AmeriCorps teams. Others are located in Milwaukee, Vermont, Mississippi and Washington, D. C. The focus of the team is to address the systemic causes of hunger through education, gardening, awareness, assisting homeless persons, and other approaches aimed at reducing hunger in Southern California.

During the week of August 12, Rod Sprott can be contacted at: 213/637-1600, ext. 24 or pager: 213/698-5032. The telephone number for Love's Gifts is: 619/239-3663.

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PUBLICITY - ANTI-DONATION CLAUSE

AMERICORPS/USDA RESPONSE FORM FOR SPECIAL SERVICE
PROJECT DURING NATIONAL WEEK OF FOOD RECOVERY

Location of Project (City or State): ALBUQUERQUE

Description of Event: COOP. W/AZYEC, NAPE IS
COMING ON-LINE ON WEEK OF GLEANING,
BURGER-KING TIE-IN, CHIP-ROCK BK D

Event Site: SHIP ROCK,

Date and Time: 8/19

Number of AmeriCorps/USDA members expected to attend: 20-30

County or counties of duty stations of AmeriCorps/USDA members expected
to participate: ~~ARIZ~~ AZ, NM, UT, CO

Collaboration with 1) existing gleaning project AZYEC - USDA

2) local anti-hunger group ROADRYNNER + ECHO FOOD BANK

3) non-USDA AmeriCorps project _____

Local leader invited and/or confirmed: GLICKMAN

Name, telephone and fax numbers of contact person for food recovery project:

JOHN THOMAS 505-761-4960

Please fax to (202) 720-4614 when complete.

Call (202) 720-6350 with questions.

**AMERICORPS/USDA RESPONSE FORM FOR SPECIAL SERVICE
PROJECT DURING NATIONAL WEEK OF FOOD RECOVERY**Location of Project (City or State): KENTUCKYDescription of Event: NOT SURE AT PRESENT -
8/12 GOING TO HOPE CENTER (HOMELESS
SHILTER) AS PART OF GRADUATIONEvent Site: MONTICELLODate and Time: WHOLE WEEKNumber of AmeriCorps/USDA members expected to attend: 10County or counties of duty stations of AmeriCorps/USDA members expected
to participate: 20 COUNTIES (WAYNE IS MAIN CNTY)

Collaboration with 1) existing gleaning project _____

2) local anti-hunger group NO3) non-USDA AmeriCorps project NOLocal leader invited and/or confirmed: HOPES COMMISSIONER
OF AG. CAN COME; SEV. FORD STAFF?

Name, telephone and fax numbers of contact person for food recovery project:

LOUIS ELLIOTTPlease fax to (202) 720-4614 when complete.

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**AMERICORPS/USDA RESPONSE FORM FOR SPECIAL SERVICE
PROJECT DURING NATIONAL WEEK OF FOOD RECOVERY**Location of Project (City or State): Farmington NMDescription of Event: Gleaning Potatoes for
Distribution to Roadrunner Food Bank
and Echo Food BankEvent Site: NAPTDate and Time: August 19 8:00AMNumber of AmeriCorps/USDA members expected to attend: 20County or counties of duty stations of AmeriCorps/USDA members expected
to participate: San Juan / Bernalillo / Sandoval / Terrence / ^{all members} USDA AmeriCorpsCollaboration with 1) existing gleaning project Four Corners

2) local anti-hunger group _____

3) non-USDA AmeriCorps project _____

Local leader invited and/or confirmed: Working on

Name, telephone and fax numbers of contact person for food recovery project:

Lloyd Wilhelm / 505-334-3090Please fax to (202) 720-4614 when complete.

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Planning Farmington Gleaning Project Monday
Service Project Montecello UTAH Tuesday
Graduation UTAH Wednesday
Reunion Project Thursday

FAX TRANSMITTAL

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

AMERICORPS/USDA RESPONSE FORM FOR SPECIAL SERVICE PROJECT DURING NATIONAL WEEK OF FOOD RECOVERY

Location of Project (City or State): Portland, Maine

Description of Event: Collect produce and non-perishable food items from

local farmers and land owners and deliver goods to Preble Street Resource center (PSRC)

PSRC operates a food pantry which provides 200,000 grocery meals per year to needy families. With its partner organizations, it provides 350,000 hot meals annually utilizing over 3,000 volunteers.

Event Site: Cumberland County USDA Service Center, Gorham Maine
Preble Street Resource center, Portland Maine

Date and Time: Aug 15th 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM and Aug 19th - 23rd 10:00 AM - noon

Number of AmeriCorps/USDA members expected to attend: 2

County or counties of duty stations of AmeriCorps/USDA members expected to participate: Cumberland County

Collaboration with 1) existing gleaning project _____

2) local anti-hunger group Preble Street Resource center (A recognized hub for Portland's homeless)

3) non-USDA AmeriCorps project _____

Local leader invited and/or confirmed: To be determined

Name, telephone and fax numbers of contact person for food recovery project:

Wayne Davis and Martin Kragemer (207) 839-7842
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AMERICORPS/USDA RESPONSE FORM FOR SPECIAL SERVICE
PROJECT DURING NATIONAL WEEK OF FOOD RECOVERY

Location of Project (City or State): SUNFLOWER CNTY → GLICKMAN
Description of Event: FOOD-GIVEAWAY, TRYING
TO GET A TRUCKLOAD OF FOOD; THERE
WANTS GLICKMAN TO VISIT SALVATION ARMY ON 8/16
Event Site: _____
Date and Time: 8/16 + 8/19
Number of AmeriCorps/USDA members expected to attend: 14
County or counties of duty stations of AmeriCorps/USDA members expected
to participate: WASHINGTON, BOLIVAR, SUNFLOWER
Collaboration with 1) existing gleaning project _____
2) local anti-hunger group LEWIS GROCERS + MORRISONS
3) ~~non~~-USDA AmeriCorps project MDEZA CAFETERIA
Local leader invited and/or confirmed: CONGRESSMEN +
LOCAL BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS + MDEZA OFFICIALS
Name, telephone and fax numbers of contact person for food recovery project:
BETTYE OLIVER 601-965-5400

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ceremony**AMERICORPS/USDA RESPONSE FORM FOR SPECIAL SERVICE
PROJECT DURING NATIONAL WEEK OF FOOD RECOVERY**

Location of Project (City or State): _____

Description of Event: NOTHING PLANNED

Event Site: _____

Date and Time: _____

Number of AmeriCorps/USDA members expected to attend: _____

County or counties of duty stations of AmeriCorps/USDA members expected
to participate: _____

Collaboration with 1) existing gleaning project _____

2) local anti-hunger group _____

3) non-USDA AmeriCorps project _____

Local leader invited and/or confirmed: _____

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