

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Harvest for All?

Harvest for All is a year-long campaign, created by the American Farm Bureau Federation, that encourages Farm Bureau members across the country to work together to help fight hunger.

How can Farm Bureau members help?

Farm Bureau members can assist in the effort to fight hunger by...

- donating non-perishable food products to a food bank or agency of your choice.
- volunteering time at a local food bank.
- donating money to a food bank or agency of your choice.
- contributing agricultural commodities.
- helping your county or district host an event to benefit a local food bank.

If we do a food drive, where will we need to drop off our food?

There is not a central collection point, as we aim to keep your donations local. Your county or counties in your district should identify a local food bank or another local food pantry, mission, etc. for your donations.

How does a member donate produce and products from their farm?

Donated products must meet USDA inspection standard for human consumption. If your local foodbank does not have the ability to accept your donation, the Food Bank Council of Michigan manages the Michigan Agricultural Surplus System and has connections statewide with hunger relief organizations. The Food Bank Council of Michigan can be reached at 517-485-1202 or visit their website at www.fbcmich.org/.

What is the Harvest for All contest?

Each year, the Michigan State Young Farmer Committee oversees a contest to recognize county Farm Bureaus at the district-level for their Harvest for All efforts. The district who contributes the most to fighting hunger, determined by pounds of food, volunteer hours and dollars, will be recognized at the state-level and be given \$1000 to distribute to hunger relief organizations of their choice.

How will donations be tracked by Michigan Farm Bureau for the Harvest for All contest?

County Farm Bureaus will be sent a reporting form to track all donations made on the county Farm Bureau's behalf. Tallies will be done at the district level. If you are a part of a district event, only one county needs to report the activity.

What type of activities are reportable for the Harvest for All contest?

All donations of volunteer time, commodities, food, and dollars given on behalf of Farm Bureau by members are reportable. These activities must take place in the current calendar year and be submitted to Michigan Farm Bureau's Young Farmer Department by December 31.

How is the winner of the Harvest for All contest determined?

Young Farmer Department staff will tally all submissions by district and determine the winner using a formula that combines dollars donated, volunteer hours and pounds of food (where volunteer hours and pounds of food have higher values than dollars donated).

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