

TALKING POINTS & GUIDELINES



These talking points are designed to assist you in answering questions related for the Harvest for All Program.

1. **What is the Harvest for All Program?**

The Harvest for All Program is a partnership between the Michigan Farm Bureau Young Farmer Committee and the Food Bank Council of Michigan. This partnership is designed to fight hunger in Michigan. Farm Bureau members can assist in the effort to fight hunger in four different ways:

- a. Donate non-perishable food products to a food bank or agency of your choice
- b. Volunteer time at a local food bank agency
- c. Donate money to a food bank or agency of your choice
- d. Donate agricultural commodities

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

All food collected for Harvest for All should be coordinated through the Food Bank Council of Michigan or through your local food bank. Your county should identify a local food bank or another local food pantry, mission, etc. for your donations. There will not be a central collection point as we are trying to keep your donations local.

3. **If our county doesn't want to collect food, is there something else we can do?**

Yes! The Harvest for All Program also allows county Farm Bureaus to donate volunteer time working at the food bank or local mission or donate money. **The Food Bank can purchase four bags of groceries for every \$1 donated.**

4. **How does a member donate commodities?**

Farm Bureau members interested in donating commodities should contact the Food Bank Council of Michigan 800-552-4483 or visit www.fbcmich.org. When making a donation, be sure to identify yourself as a representative of your county Farm Bureau in order to receive credit for the donation.

Donated products must meet USDA inspection standard for human consumption. If a product needs further processing in order to be consumable, the Michigan Agricultural Surplus System (MASS) might be able to cover the costs to do so.

5. **How will donations be tracked?**

County Farm Bureaus will be sent a reporting form to track all donations made on the county Farm Bureau's behalf.

