TOGETHER
WE CAN
SOLVE
HUNGER

Food Rescue to Help
Feed People

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Today’s discussion:

• Feeding America Overview
• US donation incentive landscape
• Innovative collaborative rescue initiatives
• Sharing our learning: telling the dual mission story
The Feeding America Network: rescuing food and serving communities throughout the United States

- 200 Member Food Banks
- 1 National Office
- 60K Food Pantries and Meal Programs

46M Americans Served Annually
4.6 Billion pounds of food sourced and distributed FY16
2.8 Billion pounds would have otherwise gone to waste

*Assumes 100% of food from manufacturers and retail, 50% of produce stream would otherwise not feed people; excludes purchased and federal commodities
US Policy Enablers for Donation

- Good Samaritan liability protection
- USDA labeling guidelines for donation
- Enhanced tax benefits for donors
Donor Liability Protection

BILL EMERSON GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD DONATION ACT
PUBLIC LAW 104-210

- Protects companies from liability when donating to a nonprofit organization
- Protects companies from civil and criminal liability should the product donated in good faith later cause harm to the needy recipient
- Standardizes donor liability exposure. Legal counsel no longer has to investigate liability laws in 50 states
- Sets a floor of "gross negligence" or "intentional misconduct" for persons who donate food
Donation specific labeling guidelines and exceptions

USDA partnership in identifying and addressing guidelines causing food to be wasted:

- Labeling guidelines for economically altered products (missing ingredients) for donation only now avoid landfill
- Retailer handling exception applied to food banks for re-packing/labeling bulk product in clean room without USDA inspection
- Explicit approval for distribution of less than grade A imported product at port through food banks to avoid destruction/return to export port
Feeding America helped lead efforts to educate US Congress about the need for a permanent, more comprehensive tax deduction for small businesses, farmers and ranchers than had previously existed:

**In December 2015, the PATH Act was passed.**

- Ensures that businesses of all sizes and types can benefit from food donation tax incentives
- Expands incentives to cover farmers and ranchers
- Creates permanent incentives so businesses know the deduction is always available
INNOVATION TO RESCUE MORE FOOD
Mixing Centers will:

- Allow direct distribution to more members by mixing loads
- Ensure more donations are accepted and eliminate more wasted food
- Enable the delivery of a higher variety of produce per member
- Lower acquisition costs for members
- Assure farmers of larger outlet for distribution
PRODUCE – capacity expansion to access/distribute more wasted produce

- Rescuing Sweet Corn from passed fields
  farmer compensation

- Rescuing grade B Green Beans from field waste
  equipment investment

- Rescuing excess peaches from orchards and
  creating salsa
  extends shelf life
MANUFACTURING – capturing less than finished goods for donation

Rescuing line waste from Peach canning lines
  cost recoupment for processor

Rescuing less-than-crunchy, more-than-creamy peanut butter
  no market

Rescuing level 1 recall granola bars for missing allergens
  following FDA labeling guidelines
Program innovation:
Agency Empowerment
  evolving from hub & spoke model
distributing to clients faster
MealConnect
  utilizing technology for real time
donor/agency connection

RETAIL – picking up more perishable food at grocery stores
Partner collaboration for resource investment and rescue model innovation challenges:
- perishable food
- extended business hours
- variety of foods
- small quantity per pick up

opportunity:
- nutritious food
- wasted food
- committed partners
- public visibility

FOOD SERVICE – developing capacity for this newest opportunity
Our Vision: A Hunger-free America

Our mission: To feed America’s hungry through a nationwide network of member food banks and engage our country in the fight to end hunger.

To do so, we depend on our network’s ability to rescue safe food from going to waste through partnerships across the food industry.
As the leading domestic hunger relief AND wasted food rescue organization, Feeding America is uniquely positioned to lead across this intersection.

Sustainability

Food Safety

Nutrition

Hunger

Innovation
THANK YOU!

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