



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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A sincere thank you to all who participated in the 2015-16 State Employees Food Drive. It was a remarkable success, surpassing last year's total donations by a whopping 14%.

The California State Employees Food Drive is the result of the hard work and innovation shown by State employees to positively impact their community. The donations this year came from a variety of activities yielding total donations of over 710, 839 pounds of food. Of this total, over \$167,000 came from cash donations and 229,230 pounds in food donations including 2,702 pounds in turkeys for holiday dinners. The cash donations and nonperishable donations will be used for many months to feed needy families throughout the greater Sacramento area.

This successful drive was only possible through the time, efforts, and donations of over 100 different state agencies, departments, and offices. I want to thank all of you for your hard work and contributions. It is with this community spirit that we can look forward to next year's food drive and reaching new goals for feeding needy families.

Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services (SFBFS) was our partner in this endeavor and worked tirelessly to coordinate food donation pickups and deliveries. Their staff was essential in making this effort as smooth and easy as possible for everyone, and I am pleased to have them as our partner.

Thank you so much for your hard work and commitment to this important cause!

Yours truly,

Karen Ross
Secretary

