



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

November 6, 2023

Dear Agency/Department Coordinators:

Every year, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) leads the State Employees Food Drive, raising food, funds and awareness regarding hunger issues in our state. For the last three years, as state employees have continued to work remotely, the food drive has expanded to serve all California communities. Last year, state employees donated over \$105,600, 22,300 pounds of food, 670 turkeys and 499 volunteer hours to food banks around the state! With your help, we would like to continue this effort to support food banks statewide. This year, the food drive will take place from November 6 to January 8, 2024.

We are especially excited for this year's event because the "kick off" coincides with the [Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services Turkey Drive on November 9](#), an event we hope our local teams can support.

Here are a few other ways you can support your local food banks:

- Monetary Donations
- Food Donations
- Volunteer Work
- Supporting Your Local Foodbank "Turkey Drive"

In order to make sure your agency or department participates in this year's food drive, please complete the [State Employee Food Drive Coordinator form](#) to identify your main point of contact.

Food Drive Coordinator Duties include:

- Promoting the food drive to your staff, disseminating updates & information, encouraging staff participation and reminding staff to submit food drive credit.
- Please view the [Food Drive webpage](#) for additional info.

Rachel Finkes in CDFA's Office of Farm to Fork will act on my behalf as statewide coordinator for Food Drive activities. You may contact her at cafooddrive@cdfa.ca.gov.

Let's continue to work together to alleviate hunger in our state!

Yours truly,

Karen Ross
Secretary

