



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

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Dear California State Employees:

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. California produces nearly half of the nation's fruits and vegetables, yet more than 1 in 5 Californians — about 8.8 million — currently struggle with food insecurity. Last year, state employees donated over \$89,000, 11,600 pounds of food, 784 turkeys and 672 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 4, 2024, to January 10, 2025**. Here's how you can participate:

1. Find a [local Food Bank](#) of your choosing and
 - Make a monetary donation
 - Make a food donation
 - *Please check if the food bank is currently accepting food donations*
 - Volunteer your time
 - Support your local food bank's "Turkey Drive" or other fundraising events
 - This year, the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services [Turkey Drive](#) will take place on November 15, 2024, and the [Run to Feed the Hungry](#) will take place on Thanksgiving Day – November 28, 2024.
2. Submit your donation details through the [Food Drive Credit Form](#) to be included in your department's participation by **January 10, 2025**.

Learn more at the State Employees Food Drive website: <https://www.fooddrive.ca.gov/>.

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

Yours truly,

Karen Ross
Secretary

