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**AgChoice Farm Credit to Donate \$50K to Feeding PA and Designated Food Banks**  
*Six Feeding PA food banks across AgChoice Farm Credit's footprint will receive a significant financial donation tailored toward PA agricultural products this Thanksgiving*

**HARRISBURG, Pa. (November 16, 2020)** --- This Thanksgiving, AgChoice Farm Credit will donate a \$50K donation to Feeding Pennsylvania to make more meals possible in communities this holiday season. The donation will be distributed amongst six of Feeding PA's member food banks located in communities served by AgChoice Farm Credit and will be tailored toward Pennsylvania agricultural products. The financial cooperative serves farmers and people that live in rural communities across 52 counties in Pennsylvania.

"Our Shared Purpose: *Inspiring Growth in Our Families, Businesses and Rural Communities* continues to guide AgChoice Farm Credit, especially during these challenging times," explains Darrell Curtis, AgChoice President and CEO. "We're pleased to support Feeding Pennsylvania member food banks as they lend a hand to our neighbors in need with products from Pennsylvania farmers."

According to a series of data analysis reports by Feeding America, Pennsylvania's food insecurity rate is projected to increase to 15.9%, or more than 2 million Pennsylvanians as a result of temporary unemployment due to COVID-19. As many Pennsylvanians turn to the food pantries for the first time this holiday season, donations are needed now more than ever.

"This donation will help Feeding Pennsylvania and our member food banks serve those in need throughout our community, during the Thanksgiving season and throughout year," said Jane Clements-Smith, Executive Director of Feeding Pennsylvania. "It allows us to ensure everyone we serve has the opportunity to partake in holiday traditions while also benefitting our local agricultural community. We are especially thankful for this donation this year due to these incredibly unprecedented times."

Lisa Scales, President & CEO of Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, echoed this sentiment from the food bank perspective.

"Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank is extremely grateful to Ag Choice Farm Credit for this generous gift. We value the importance of sourcing Pennsylvania agricultural products, and this donation will allow us to share more healthy and nutritious foods with the families we serve," said Scales.

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**About Feeding Pennsylvania:**

Feeding Pennsylvania is a collaborative effort of nine Feeding America-affiliated food banks in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The mission of Feeding Pennsylvania is to promote and aid our member food banks in securing food and other resources to reduce hunger and food insecurity in our communities and across Pennsylvania and to provide a shared voice on the issues of hunger and food access within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For more information about Feeding Pennsylvania, please visit [www.feedingpa.org](http://www.feedingpa.org), connect with us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/FeedingPennsylvania](https://www.facebook.com/FeedingPennsylvania), and follow us on Twitter and Instagram @FeedingPA.

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