

## Feds hold local food drive

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Feds Feed Families is a national food drive led by the Office of Personnel Management, the Chief Human Capital Officers Council and other federal agencies to raise food for Americans struggling with hunger across the country.

It began in 2009 as part of President Obama's United We Serve campaign and was designed to help food banks and pantries stay stocked during summer months, a time when they traditionally encounter decreases in donations and increases in the need for assistance. In the first year, federal employees across the country donated 1 million pounds of food to local food banks and agencies. Last year, they donated 1.7 million pounds. This year, OPM has set the goal at 2 million pounds.

As the worldwide leader on issues of food and hunger, USDA has been one of the leading agencies in total contributions over the past two years. Last year, USDA employees donated 432,000 pounds of food, a quarter of the total! USDA has set a goal of donating 500,000 pounds of food during the 2011 Feds Feed Families food drive, which ends Aug. 31.

Yolo County USDA sister agencies Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency are once again partnering in this effort to benefit the Yolo Food Bank. In 2010, USDA employees from the Woodland Service Center and Yolo County farmers, partners and friends contributed 19% of total California donations.

Donations are being accepted in Suite 3B of the USDA Service Center at 221 W. Court Street, Woodland. Contact

FSA County Executive Director Marianne Morton for more information or donation pickup.

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