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Prairie Farms Closes Out Dairy Month by Helping Neighbors in Need

40 Feeding America® partner food banks receive significant lactose-free milk donations

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. (June 26, 2024) Prairie Farms Dairy is closing out its National Dairy Month celebration in a big way by making large donations of lactose-free milk gallons to 40 Feeding America partner food banks in the Midwest and South. The company wants to ensure that all families, including those who are lactose sensitive, can enjoy the great taste and unmatched nutrition that only 100% real milk provides.

"Prairie Farms regularly engages with our food bank partners throughout America's heartland, and we're hearing from them that requests for lactose-free milk continue to accelerate. Since our company is shaping the future of accessibility to lactose free milk, it seemed fitting to coordinate a company-wide donation to help neighbors in need," said Matt McClelland, CEO/EVP of Prairie Farms Dairy. "The food bank donations are on behalf of our dairy farmers who work tirelessly to ensure families in their communities have high-quality, fresh milk on their tables. The timing for the donations could not have been better because not only is June National Dairy Month, but it also marked the start of the production of fresh lactose free milk in family-size gallons at many of our manufacturing facilities."

During the final week of June, over 25,000 gallons, equivalent to 414,720 servings, of free milk will be donated to Feeding America® partner food banks in Arkansas, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and Texas.

As a powerful brand that consumers have known and loved since 1938, Prairie Farms Dairy is committed to adapting its product mix to meet ever-evolving consumer needs and preferences. Their recently expanded portfolio includes family-size lactose free milk gallons and lactose-free cottage cheese and sour cream. The company claims to have perfected the process of making lactose-free milk and cultured products that taste the same as their award-winning full lactose counterparts

Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc. is one of the largest and most successful dairy cooperatives operating in the Midwest and the South. Elements of the cooperative include more than 600 farm families, 7,000 associates, 47 manufacturing plants, 100+ distribution facilities, and annual sales of over \$4.69 billion. Prairie Farms is a nationally recognized leader in the dairy industry known for setting the standard for milk flavor innovations and producing award-winning milk, cheese, and cultured dairy products. With headquarters in Edwardsville, Ill., the Prairie Farms distribution footprint covers over 30 percent of the United States; products are available in grocery chains, mass merchandiser stores, club stores, convenience stores, dollar stores, drug stores, schools,



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foodservice outlets, and warehouse distribution centers. For more information about our farmers, cheeses, and promotions visit our website at www.prairiefarms.com.

Donation Locations

1	River Bend Foodbank	Davenport	IA	21	Mid-Ohio Foodbank	Grove City	OH
2	Central Illinois Food Bank	Springfield	IL	22	Feeding South Dakota	Sioux Falls	SD
3	Eastern Illinois Foodbank	Urbana	IL	23	Mid-South Food Bank	Memphis	TN
4	Greater Chicago Food Depository	Chicago	IL	24	Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee	Nashville	TN
5	Northern Illinois Foodbank	Geneva	IL	25	Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin	Milwaukee	WI
6	Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana	Indianapolis	IN	26	Arkansas Foodbank	Little Rock	AR
7	Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana	Fort Wayne	IN	27	River Valley Regional Food Bank	Fort Smith	AR
8	Dare to Care Food Bank	Louisville	KY	28	Northwest Arkansas Food Bank	Bethel Heights	AR
9	God's Pantry Food Bank	Lexington	KY	29	Kansas Food Bank	Wichita	KS
10	Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank	Baton Rouge	LA	30	Ozarks Food Harvest	Springfield	MO
11	Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans	New Orleans	LA	31	Harvesters - The Community Food Network	Kansas City	MO
12	South Michigan Food Bank	Battle Creek	MI	32	Food Bank for the Heartland	Omaha	NE
13	Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan	Detroit	MI	33	Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	OK
14	Food Bank of Eastern Michigan	Flint	MI	34	Community Food Bank of Oklahoma	Tulsa	OK
15	Forgotten Harvest	Oak Park	MI	35	Central Texas Food Bank	Austin	TX
16	Second Harvest Heartland	Brooklyn Park	MN	36	Tarrant Area Food Bank	Fort Worth	TX
17	St. Louis Area Foodbank	Bridgeton	MO	37	Houston Food Bank	Houston	TX
18	The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri	Columbia	MO	38	North Texas Food Bank	Plano	TX
19	Mississippi Food Network	Jackson	MS	39	San Antonio Food Bank	San Antonio	TX
20	The Foodbank Inc.	Dayton	OH	40	East Texas Food Bank	Tyler	TX



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