

## Farms to Food Banks

### *Virginia Food for Virginia Families*

Supported by \$1 million in CARES Act funding granted by Governor Northam and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Federation of Virginia Food Banks has significantly increased its local food sourcing to support the 1 million Virginians struggling with food insecurity. From January to March of 2021, we secured hundreds of thousands of pounds of high quality, nutritious food from Virginia producers on behalf of our seven member food banks.



#### **Virginia Produce Boxes – 4P Foods – Warrenton VA**



The Federation partnered with 4P Foods to source fresh local food products that can be safely distributed through low-touch and drive-through food distributions. The pre-packed boxes contain carrots, potatoes, bibb lettuce, beets, apples, peanuts, and applesauce – all grown or produced right here in Virginia. These boxes improved access to nutritious foods for the families we serve while supporting jobs throughout the regional food supply chain. In total, more than **7,600 boxes were distributed to families in need.**

#### **Fresh Milk – Richlands Creamery (Blackstone VA) and Marva Maid Dairy**

Milk is the most requested, yet least donated food item across our network of 1,500 partner agencies. From January to March alone, we secured 27,000 half-gallons from Richlands and 84,600 half-gallons Marva Maid (Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative) for a total of more than **111,000 half-gallons of fresh, vitamin-rich milk.**



#### **Ground Beef - Seven Hills Food Co. – Lynchburg, VA**

Seven Hills developed a ground beef package ideal for food bank distributions and was excited to supply the Federation with **36,850 pounds** of fresh product, providing much-needed protein for our hungry neighbors.

#### **Peanut Butter – Producers Peanut Co. – Suffolk, VA**



**287,000 jars of peanut butter**, proudly made in southeastern Virginia, were shipped across the Commonwealth and into the homes of food insecure families. Shelf-stable items have been in high demand during the pandemic, so this was a particularly valuable and greatly appreciated item.

#### **Apples & Applesauce – Turkey Knob Growers (Timberville, VA) & Andros Foods (Mount Jackson, VA)**

Turkey Knob has partnered with Virginia's food banks for years to ensure their excess product reaches households in need and does not go to waste. The Federation was glad to purchase **68,300 3-pound bags of apples** from Turkey Knob, as well as **189,000 applesauce pouches** from Andros Foods in Mount Jackson.

***We Are Proud to Partner With and Support Virginia Farmers***