



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

COMMISSIONER ADAM H. PUTNAM

THE CAPITOL

October 25, 2013

The Honorable Will Weatherford
Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives
420 The Capitol
402 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1300

Dear Speaker Weatherford:

The following is a report on the Food Recovery Program. Pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 570.0725, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) must file this report annually.

The Food Recovery Program, a unique public-private partnership, links the Department with a host of the state's most effective non-profit feeding organizations. It is designed to locate surplus fresh produce and other non-perishable foods, coordinate transportation and storage, and distribute to eligible families and individuals. The funds received from the Legislature are for expenses related to the collection, packaging, storage, and transportation of donated foods by these organizations.

Farm Share, a non-profit agency, works with the Department to locate donors who currently are disposing of their surplus product. This donated produce, together with other donated foods, are put into the system to be distributed to the needy. The surplus food is transported to drop sites strategically located throughout Florida including State Farmers' Markets and other easily accessible locations for distribution to non-profit food banks, food pantries, and when possible, directly to individuals. As of June 30, 2013, Farm Share distributed and processed approximately 11 million pounds of produce to Florida's most needy.

The Florida Association of Food Banks (FAFB) consists of fourteen food banks supporting an infrastructure of over 3,000 churches and non-profit agencies providing assistance in every Florida County. In addition, Farmers Feeding Florida (FFF) is a food recovery program instituted by the FAFB. Their goal is to work in partnership with farmers and packers in Florida to distribute unmarketable produce. Donated foods are collected and delivered to the member food banks which in turn redistribute the food to Florida's needy through their network of sub-distributing agencies located throughout the state. As of June 30, 2013, FAFB redistributed approximately 52 million pounds of produce in Florida.



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Pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 570.0725(7), FDACS has developed a public information booklet detailing the need and benefit of food recovery programs, the manner in which organizations may become involved in food recovery programs, and the protection afforded to such programs under Florida Statutes, Section 768.136. The booklet also provides information about organizations that have indicated to the Department their interest in the Food Recovery Program and the types of foods that they have the capability to recover. This booklet, which is available on-line on the Department's website, is available to food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens. In addition, in cooperation with the Department's Division of Food Safety, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation's Division of Hotel and Restaurants and the Department of Health; the booklet which is available in electronic format, is readily available to their licensees, which include grocery stores, restaurants and other food preparation sites.

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services updates this information. The resource guide is available on-line at <http://freshfromflorida.s3.amazonaws.com/P-01366.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cathy Quick, Chief, Bureau of Food Distribution, at (850) 617-7170.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner of Agriculture

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Enclosures

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FOOD RECOVERY PROGRAM

JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013

Appropriation

- \$750,000 Farm Share, Inc., a South Florida non-profit group dedicated to recovery, sorting, packing, and distribution of cosmetically imperfect fruits and vegetables from the Farm Share location at the Florida City State Farmers' Market.
- \$400,000 Florida Association of Food Banks for the transportation and delivery of additional donated foods. These foods are delivered to the member food banks which in turn redistribute to Florida's needy through their network of sub-distributing agencies.



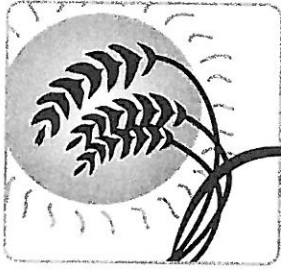
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Memorandum

To: Cathy Quick Chief, Bureau of Food Distribution
From: Patricia Robbins, Founder & President
Subject: Farm Share Monthly Statistical Report for June 2013
Date: July 6, 2013

	June 13	12/13 YTD
Agency pick ups and delivery	<u>772</u>	<u>6,144</u>
Off site distributions statewide	<u>11</u>	<u>144</u>
Pounds of produce recovered	<u>1,901,891</u>	<u>10,596,985</u>
Pounds of other food items received	<u>589,920</u>	<u>6,800,942</u>
Pounds of USDA/TEFAP/FSA Commodities received canned, dried, fresh and frozen	<u>702,806</u>	<u>6,098,905</u>
Household packages served	<u>107,854</u>	<u>1,053,900</u>
Total Pounds of Food (Year to date)		<u>23,496,832</u>

1,752 volunteers performed 3,517 hours of service for June 2013,
Cumulative for year: 25,249 volunteer hours
Total last year volunteer hours 13,780



Florida
Association of
Food Banks

**Florida Department of Agriculture &
Consumer Services**
2012-2013 Report

The **Florida Association of Food Banks (FAFB)** is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization committed to a Hunger-Free Florida. Established in 1993, FAFB coordinates the statewide efforts of 14 member food banks throughout Florida, enabling them to better provide a healthy and adequate food supply for people in need. The FAFB membership list is attached and more information is available at www.HungerFreeFlorida.org.

FAFB members provide food to nearly 3,000 community- and faith-based partners to feed approximately 3.6 million people each year – 1.1 million of whom are children. Our network of food banks and partner agencies distributed food to all 67 counties throughout the state (see attached spreadsheet for details).

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services allocation of \$400,000 enabled the Florida Association of Food Banks to leverage its resources to address the nutritional needs of our most vulnerable populations – children, seniors and the disabled – as well as individuals who have been impacted by the downturn in the economy. ***By combining state funds with private donations, FAFB members were able to distribute a total of 173 million pounds – the equivalent of more than 4,400 tractor trailer loads – of food and grocery items to our neighbors facing hunger.***

Key services provided by the Florida Association of Food Banks include:

- Distribution of more than 52.4 million pounds of fresh produce from all sources this fiscal year, a 21% increase over the prior fiscal year.
- Retail store pick up programs (Publix, Walmart, Winn Dixie, SweetBay, Target and others) statewide that recovered nearly 69 million pounds of surplus groceries like meat, dairy and bakery items for hunger relief.
- Through our statewide program, Farmers Feeding Florida, we collaborated with 20 growers and packers to increase distribution by 181% in the past year, recovering 17.3 million pounds of fresh Florida produce that would otherwise have been left in the field or destined for animal feed or the landfill.
- Child Nutrition Programs – congregate meals, summer feeding, backpack programs and school pantries – provided 1.8 million meals to Florida's children living in poverty.
- Nearly 10% of the clients served through our feeding programs are Seniors Citizens.

The Florida Association of Food Banks has a demonstrated ability to provide the state with a high return on its investment. Every dollar donated to or invested in our Food Banks results in 6 meals provided to our neighbors in need. We would like to thank the Florida Legislature, Governor Scott and Commissioner Putnam for their ongoing commitment to a Hunger-Free Florida.

County Name	County State	TEFAP FY2013	DONATED FY2013	PURCHASED FY2013	TOTAL FY 2013-2013	Avg # Tractor Trailer Loads
ALACHUA	FL	939,866	2,512,668	267,538	3,720,072	95
BAKER	FL	47,851	233,322	143	281,316	7
BAY	FL	379,799	703,565	36,206	1,119,570	29
BRADFORD	FL	53,603	132,276	27,742	213,621	5
BREVARD	FL	938,814	3,781,173	549,230	5,269,217	135
BROWARD	FL	1,921,165	6,934,820	96,251	8,952,236	230
CALHOUN	FL	36,427	98,934	5,949	141,310	4
CHARLOTTE	FL	323,325	1,510,536	162,366	1,996,227	51
CITRUS	FL	249,489	1,225,407	91,113	1,566,009	40
CLAY	FL	266,898	415,020	59,472	741,390	19
COLLIER	FL	645,400	1,397,301	336,902	2,379,603	61
COLUMBIA	FL	171,555	364,679	754	536,988	14
DE SOTO	FL	-	775,675	108,164	883,839	23
DIXIE	FL	54,634	400,568	2,818	458,020	12
DUVAL	FL	1,402,456	8,863,169	611,406	10,877,031	279
ESCAMBIA	FL	795,300	963,016	125,434	1,883,750	48
FLAGLER	FL	173,359	516,663	20,309	710,331	18
FRANKLIN	FL	26,701	242,302	45,627	314,630	8
GADSDEN	FL	131,674	437,679	37,498	606,851	16
GILCHRIST	FL	46,753	344,807	53,496	445,056	11
GLADES	FL	36,255	152,891	7,465	196,611	5
GULF	FL	69,039	232,570	18,747	320,356	8
HAMILTON	FL	45,992	172,247	120	218,359	6
HARDEE	FL					

		128,576	177,131	-	305,707	8
HENDRY	FL	153,970	709,270	46,163	909,403	23
HERNANDO	FL	-	850,486	163,271	1,013,757	26
HIGHLANDS	FL	277,113	374,000	-	651,113	17
HILLSBOROUGH	FL	2,950,718	9,573,140	349,379	12,873,237	330
HOLMES	FL	53,431	31,603	72	85,106	2
INDIAN RIVER	FL	369,384	1,527,775	43,121	1,940,280	50
JACKSON	FL	109,870	400,131	22,108	532,109	14
JEFFERSON	FL	67,381	115,282	18,369	201,032	5
LAFAYETTE	FL	23,104	112,554	4,527	140,185	4
LAKE	FL	564,663	2,353,059	228,140	3,145,862	81
LEE	FL	1,579,774	9,071,136	881,145	11,532,055	296
LEON	FL	859,004	2,309,772	141,806	3,310,582	85
LEVY	FL	157,325	475,313	3,060	635,698	16
LIBERTY	FL	14,356	46,484	7,644	68,484	2
MADISON	FL	53,688	126,516	12,359	192,563	5
MANATEE	FL	672,109	3,313,014	4,939	3,990,062	102
MARION	FL	710,714	503,189	5,010	1,218,913	31
MARTIN	FL	320,521	1,329,666	15,596	1,665,783	43
MIAMI-DADE	FL	3,809,979	10,546,371	138,767	14,495,117	372
MONROE	FL	145,299	457,093	8,353	610,745	16
NASSAU	FL	99,430	860,134	38,491	998,055	26
OKALOOSA	FL	341,903	710,952	118,556	1,171,411	30
OKEECHOBEE	FL	153,312	765,544	16,107	934,963	24
ORANGE	FL	2,970,995	11,134,651	1,113,778	15,219,424	390
OSCEOLA	FL					

		-	1,284,135	118,192	1,402,327	36
PALM BEACH	FL	2,973,766	6,426,699	51,055	9,451,520	242
PASCO	FL	-	3,252,845	42,292	3,295,137	84
PINELLAS	FL	-	5,909,535	147,461	6,056,996	155
POLK	FL	1,633,976	5,473,532	44,401	7,151,909	183
PUTNAM	FL	227,154	453,518	79,438	760,110	19
ST. JOHNS	FL	223,067	916,898	40,609	1,180,574	30
ST. LUCIE	FL	915,019	3,501,020	51,693	4,467,732	115
SANTA ROSA	FL	288,902	472,025	54,743	815,670	21
SARASOTA	FL	614,776	3,678,462	591,679	4,884,917	125
SEMINOLE	FL	797,124	3,656,036	146,656	4,599,816	118
SUMTER	FL	123,102	279,086	11,082	413,270	11
SUWANNEE	FL	111,671	296,030	300	408,001	10
TAYLOR	FL	53,319	199,560	11,575	264,454	7
UNION	FL	34,671	38,974	90	73,735	2
VOLUSIA	FL	769,608	3,078,476	1,004,084	4,852,168	124
WAKULLA	FL	58,494	563,095	15,754	637,343	16
WALTON	FL	131,552	122,722	52,795	307,069	8
WASHINGTON	FL	67,475	141,868	7,945	217,288	6

34,366,650 130,030,070 8,517,355

172,914,075 Total LBS

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2012-2013

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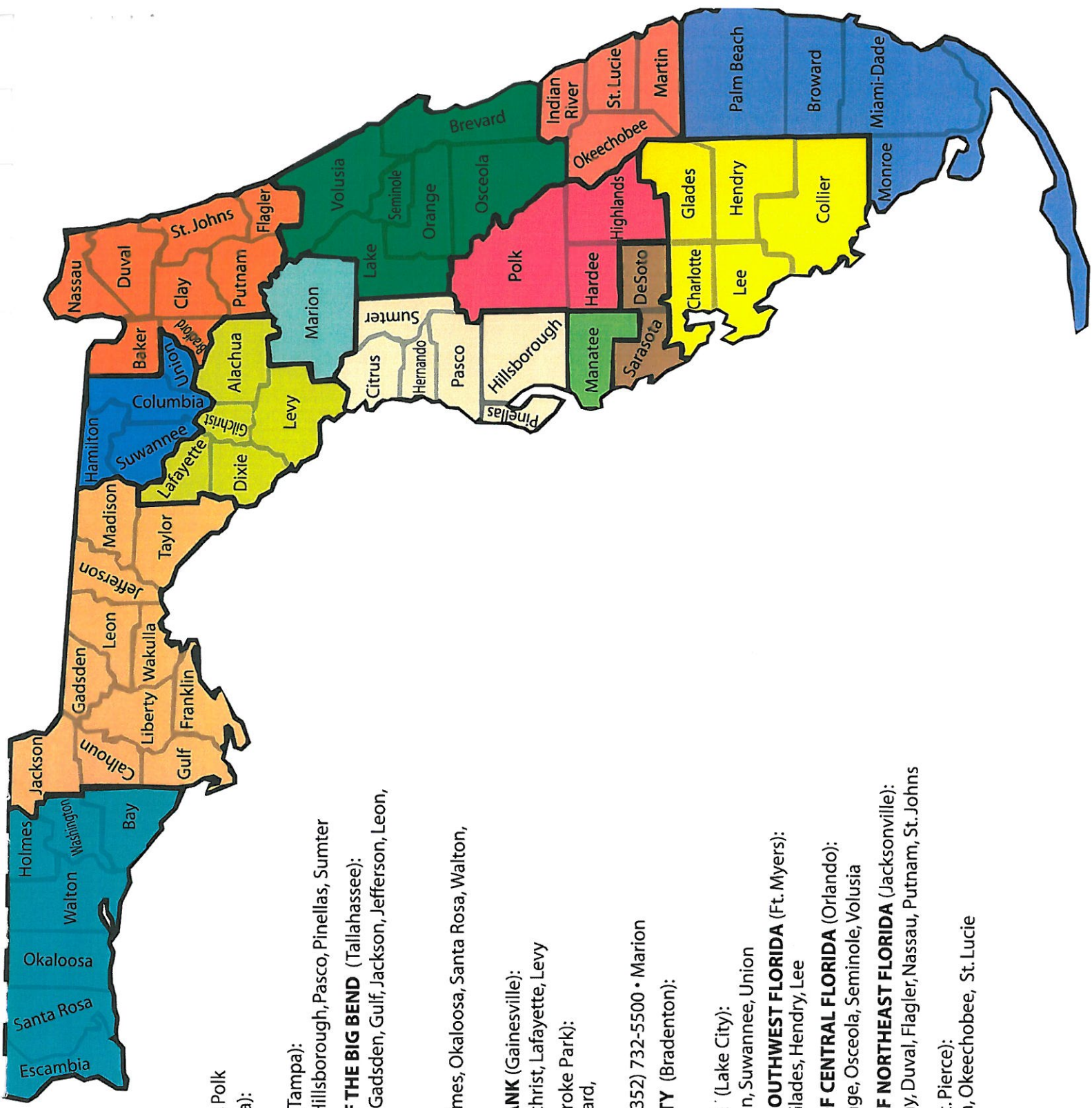
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