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**LOCAL EGG FARMER HELPS STRUGGLING FAMILIES  
WITH DONATION OF 129,600 EGGS TO FOOD BANK OF DELAWARE**  
*Farmers Nationwide to Contribute Nearly 10 Million Eggs to Food Banks*

**Newark, Del. (March 20, 2012)** — Despite signs of economic recovery, record numbers of families in Delaware and across America are currently relying on food assistance. In fact, one in eight Americans will receive help in 2012 from food banks. And among the most needed items are sources of high quality protein.

A local egg farmer, who wishes to remain anonymous, donated more than 129,000 eggs to the Food Bank of Delaware this morning to help families struggling with food insecurity.

This donation is part of a national effort, organized by the United Egg Producers and Feeding America. For the fifth consecutive spring, America's egg farmers are giving the Easter Bunny and families in need, a helping hand by donating nearly 10 million fresh eggs. That brings the number of eggs farmers have contributed since 2008 to 60 million — equaling nearly 50 million dozen.

The Food Bank of Delaware is the only facility in Delaware with the equipment, warehouse and staff to collect donations from all sectors of the food industry and safely and efficiently redistribute them to those who need it most. The organization distributes seven to 10 million pounds of food through its network of 475 hunger-relief program partners annually to nearly 242,000 Delawareans.

"We are very grateful for the donation of eggs, a much-needed nutritious food item," said Food Bank of Delaware President and CEO Patricia Beebe. "Eggs are one of our core items and prized by pantries and the people we serve. We're especially thankful with the increasing need among our community."

For food banks across America, high quality sources of protein, such as eggs, are especially needed and valued. According to the USDA, one large egg delivers six grams of protein, along with 13 essential nutrients, including choline, folate, iron and zinc. After a review of the nutrient composition of standard large eggs last year, USDA concluded that the average amount of cholesterol was 14 percent lower, and vitamin D content was 64 percent higher, than previously measured.

"If you've ever met an egg farmer, you know just how incredibly generous and giving these men and women are," said Gene Gregory, president of United Egg Producers. "All year long, but especially at Easter, they proudly do what they can to support the communities in which they live and work."

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**About United Egg Producers**

United Egg Producers (UEP) is the nation's leading trade association for U.S. egg farmers, representing nearly 90 percent of U.S. egg farmers, whose members produce eggs including modern cage production, cage-free, free range, organic and other specialty eggs. UEP is based in Alpharetta, GA. To learn more about the egg

industry visit [www.uepcertified.com](http://www.uepcertified.com). Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/UEPCertified](https://facebook.com/UEPCertified) or follow our updates on Twitter at [twitter.com/UEPCertified](https://twitter.com/UEPCertified).

### **About the Food Bank of Delaware**

The Food Bank of Delaware distributes between seven and 10 million pounds of food and grocery products each year its network of 475 hunger-relief program partners throughout the state and also provides thousands of meals a month for children through the After-School Feeding Program, the Summer Food Service Program and the Backpack Program. The Food Bank's hunger-relief programs directly provide for 241,600 Delawareans at risk of going without meals each year. For more information about the Food Bank of Delaware, visit [www.fbd.org](http://www.fbd.org) or call (302) 292-1305.

### **About Feeding America**

Feeding America provides low-income individuals and families with the fuel to survive and even thrive. As the nation's leading domestic hunger-relief charity, our network members supply food to more than 37 million Americans each year, including 14 million children and 3 million seniors. Serving the entire United States, more than 200 member food banks support 61,000 agencies that address hunger in all of its forms. For more information on how you can fight hunger in your community and across the country, visit <http://www.feedingamerica.org>. Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/FeedingAmerica](https://facebook.com/FeedingAmerica) or follow our news on Twitter at [twitter.com/FeedingAmerica](https://twitter.com/FeedingAmerica).