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## **Food Lion Offers Customers an Opportunity to Gain Free Admittance to Delaware State Fair during “Food Lion Feeds Hunger Relief Day” on July 22**

**HARRINGTON, Del.** – Food Lion, the Delaware State Fair and the Food Bank of Delaware announced today that the eighth annual “Food Lion Feeds Hunger Relief Day” will take place on Monday, July 22 at the Delaware State Fair.

Fair attendees who bring five Food Lion brand canned or boxed goods will in exchange receive free gate admittance to the Delaware State Fair from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., on Monday, July 22. This community effort is part of the seventh annual “Food Lion Feeds Hunger Relief Day” at the Delaware State Fair.

Donations received through this year’s effort will assist families in Kent and Sussex Counties struggling to put food on the table. More than 43,000 residents of Kent and Sussex counties are considered food insecure, meaning their access to adequate food is limited by a lack of money and other resources at times during the year.

“Food Lion Feeds Hunger Relief Day at the Delaware State Fair is a perfect day to visit the fair,” said Food Bank of Delaware Community Relations Manager Chad Robinson. “This day is a highlight for the Food Bank of Delaware as we get to see so many community members giving back to help their neighbors in need. We hope to exceed last year’s total by collecting more than 30,000 pounds of food in just one day!”

### **QUOTE FROM DELAWARE STATE FAIR**

Volunteers from Food Lion and the Food Bank of Delaware will accept donations at all gates. No items stored in glass will be accepted. Some of the Food Bank of Delaware’s most-needed items include the following:

- Canned fruits (in light syrup or in its own juices if possible)
- Canned vegetables (low sodium if possible)
- Canned soups (low sodium if possible)
- Tuna fish (in water if possible)
- Peanut butter (low sodium if possible)

- Cereal (whole-grain if possible)
- Pasta (whole-grain if possible)

For more information about the Delaware State Fair, please visit [www.delawarestatefair.com](http://www.delawarestatefair.com).

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#### **About Food Lion**

Food Lion, based in Salisbury, N.C., since 1957, has more than 1,000 stores in 10 Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic states and employs more than 63,000 associates. By leveraging its longstanding heritage of low prices and convenient locations, Food Lion is working to own the easiest full shop grocery experience in the Southeast, anchored by a strong commitment to affordability, freshness and the communities it serves. Through Food Lion Feeds, the company has donated more than 500 million meals to individuals and families since 2014. Food Lion is a company of Ahold Delhaize USA, the U.S. division of Zaandam-based Royal Ahold Delhaize Group. For more information, visit [www.foodlion.com](http://www.foodlion.com).

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

The Food Bank of Delaware distributes millions of pounds of products each year to its network of 536 hunger-relief program partners throughout the state and also provides thousands of meals a month for children through the After-School Nutrition Program, the Summer Food Service Program and the Backpack Program. The Food Bank's hunger-relief programs provide for Delawareans at risk of going without meals each year. Delaware Food Works, the Food Bank's workforce development initiative, provides training for adults interested in careers in the food service industry, warehousing/logistics and agriculture. For more information about the Food Bank of Delaware, visit [www.fbd.org](http://www.fbd.org) or call (302) 292-1305.

#### **About the Delaware State Fair**

The Delaware State Fair attracts more than 300,000 visitors from 25 different states during its 10-day run. The Delaware State Fair has been one of Delaware's premier events since 1919. The Delaware State Fair is a true first class, family-oriented, entertainment and educational event, which occurs at the end of July in Harrington, Del. The event offers an abundance of programming and attractions. Thrilling rides, top-notch exhibits, premium livestock events, an all-star concert lineup, and free entertainment offerings put fairgoers in a great summer state of mind. For more information on the Delaware State Fair, visit <http://www.delawarestatefair.com/>