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## **Ohio's Pig Farmers Donate Pork to Greater Cleveland Food Bank**

*Effort to provide pork for up to 2,000 families.*

**NEW ALBANY, Ohio** – On behalf of all the state's pork producers, the Ohio Pork Council (OPC) is again partnering with a community-based nonprofit to further demonstrate how much its members are dedicated to bringing high-quality, nutrient-dense protein to those in need. A \$5,000 donation from OPC to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank will be used to purchase pork, allowing thousands of people to get the protein they need through the organization's partner agencies.

"We are beyond grateful to the Ohio Pork Council for this monetary donation to provide much needed protein that will help meet the hunger needs of many in the Greater Cleveland community," said Kristin Warzocha, President & CEO for the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. "Thank you for your commitment to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and feeding hungry people in Northeast Ohio. I know our partner agencies will be thrilled to receive this nutritious product. Thank you for your donation!"

While giving back to the state's rural and urban communities is a regular part of the OPC's Pork Power initiative, it is even more critical during uncertain economic times that are affecting so many Ohioans.

"As farmers, it's part of who we are to give back," said Nick Seger, president of the Ohio Pork Council and a producer from Minster, Ohio. "We realize the need is even greater in these economic times so we're pleased to partner with organizations such as Cleveland Food Bank that help provide high-quality protein to those who would otherwise not have it."

Under the umbrella of the We Care ethical principles, Ohio pork producers are focusing their efforts on producing wholesome, nutritious, and affordable pork for consumers every day in a way that is highly sustainable. These core values are highlighted and explained much more at [www.ohpork.org](http://www.ohpork.org).

### **About Cleveland Food Bank**

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank is the largest hunger relief organization in Northeast Ohio having provided 49 million meals in FY2022 to nearly 350,000 hungry people in Cuyahoga, Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Ashland, and Richland counties. Its mission is working together to ensure that everyone in their communities has the nutritious food they need every day. They do this through both food distribution and SNAP outreach efforts. The Food Bank continues to provide nutritious food to those in need while

working to end hunger tomorrow through connecting clients to resources. For more information go to [www.GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org](http://www.GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org).

### About the Ohio Pork Council

The Ohio Pork Council was established in 1968, beginning with nearly 800 pig farmers dedicated to the task of promoting their own product. Currently, OPC has approximately 2,500 members. Their mission is to serve and benefit all Ohio pork producers. To learn more about the Ohio Pork Council, visit [www.OhioPork.org](http://www.OhioPork.org) or call 614-882-5887.

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*Dave Shoup, past president of the Ohio Pork Council and his wife, Alona, producers from Orrville, Ohio (center), presented a check for \$5,000 to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank recently for the organization to purchase pork, which it will distribute to those in need via its many partner agencies in Northeast Ohio.*

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