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Ohio's Pig Farmers Help Ease Protein Gap in Northeast Ohio

Donated pork to assist with summertime protein needs.

NEW ALBANY, OHIO – While 1 in 7 people in northeast Ohio are food insecure, Ohio's pig farmers are helping to ease their protein needs by making another donation this summer of \$5,000 of nutritious pork to be distributed by the Greater Cleveland Food Bank (GFCB).

"This is truly a partnership that we are so fortunate to continue each year with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank," said Nathan Schroeder, president of the Ohio Pork Council (OPC) and farmer from Leipsic, Ohio. "We know the need for high-quality protein is especially high right now, so we're pleased to do a small part to help fill the gap that exists and help out fellow Ohioans."

In providing over 54 million pounds of food and serving more than 424,000 individuals during FY24, the Greater Cleveland Food Bank is committed to supporting individuals who are facing food insecurity across Ashland, Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, and Richland counties.

In addition to providing food to these six counties in the northeast Ohio area, the Greater Cleveland Food Bank provided assistance to nearly 39,000 individuals, helping them sign up for SNAP benefits and other resources.

OPC's Pork Power initiative embodies the pork industry's We Care ethical principles by Ohio pig farmers who produce nutritious, high-quality protein for today's consumers. Through these principles and values, our state's farmers protect the environment by using sustainable practices to produce pork.

About Greater Cleveland Food Bank

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank is the largest hunger relief organization in Northeast Ohio, partnering with thousands of other programs within their six-county area that includes Ashland, Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, and Richland. Operating a community food distribution center, food bank kitchen, and a help center, the food bank's mission is to ensure that everyone in our communities has the nutritious food they need every day. For more information, please visit [Home | Greater Cleveland Food Bank](#).

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

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mission is to serve and benefit all Ohio pork producers. To learn more about the Ohio Pork Council, visit www.OhioPork.org or call 614-882-5887.



On behalf of Ohio's pig farmers, Nathan Schroeder, president of the Ohio Pork Council (OPC) and farmer from Leipsic, Ohio (left), presented a check for \$5,000 to Rod McGuire, vice president of food resources for the Greater Cleveland Food Bank to purchase pork for distribution throughout the organization's six-county area.

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