



How to Include Agriculture and Food Partners in a Site Visit or In-District Meeting

Use the below guidance to include local agriculture and food community leaders in your site visit and/or in-district meeting planning.

Co-host a food bank and agriculture/food partner event with your members of Congress

A key way to help uplift the importance of protecting and strengthening federal nutrition programs, especially The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), is to co-host an event with your local farmer(s), agriculture partner(s), or food partner(s) and members of Congress.

Examples of events to co-host to feature how your food bank works with the agriculture and food communities to help relieve hunger in your service area include:

- Roundtables;
- Food bank site visits; and
- Meetings.

You can share how many meals TEFAP provides in your service area or highlight farm to food bank programs. Whatever local event you coordinate can help to successfully communicate the interdependence of the agriculture and anti-hunger communities. Additionally, consider inviting local press and other community stakeholders to join as guests.

Co-host a food bank and agriculture/food partner volunteer event with your members of Congress

Volunteering at a food bank or agency partner is a great way for a local farmer, agriculture partner or food partner and members of Congress to come together to highlight the need for continued public-private partnerships to end hunger. Examples of volunteer events include a box-packing event or a food distribution.

Members of Congress often want to know how federal nutrition programs help their constituents. There's no better way to show members of Congress why they should continue to support increased investments in nutrition programs than inviting them to volunteer at a food bank or agency partner.