

Three County Fair Announces 2024 Food Drive

Non-Perishable Food Donations Requested to Benefit Area Pantries

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Northampton, MA – The Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden Agricultural Society, the non-profit organization that manages the Three County Fair and fairgrounds, will be conducting their 2024 Food Drive on Saturday, April 13 outside of their main office at 54 Fair Street in Northampton.

The Fair is seeking non-perishable foods such as canned fruit, vegetables, and tuna, plus cereal, pasta, pasta sauce and peanut butter for area food pantries who have partnered with the Fair. This year's recipients include the Providence Ministries – Margaret's Pantry in Holyoke, the Easthampton Community Center, the Franklin County Community Meals Program in Greenfield, the Helping Hands Cupboard Food Pantry in Belchertown and the Westhampton Congregational United Church of Christ food pantry.

"Food insecurity continues to negatively impact so many individuals and families throughout our region" said Tom Smiarowski, President of the Society. "The pantries that we partner with are doing heroic work helping those in need due to the increased demand for assistance they experience every day. And the Three County Fair is pleased to play a role in supporting their efforts."

Each vehicle that donates a minimum of ten in-date items will be supplied with a pair of complimentary tickets to the 2024 Three County Fair, August 30 - September 2. Donations can be dropped off at the Fair's main office at 54 Fair Street in Northampton between the hours of 10am-1pm on Saturday, April 13th. The Fair requests that donations be compiled in disposable bags or boxes for volunteers to easily accept them from vehicles.

About the Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden County Agricultural Society:

Located in Northampton, Massachusetts and incorporated in 1818, the Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden County Agricultural Society promotes agriculture, agricultural education, agricultural science and sustainability for the region through exhibitions, displays, competitions and demonstrations and annually operates The Three County Fair, recognized by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture as the oldest on-going Fair in continuous operation in the U.S.A, with the first Three County Fair taking place, October 14-15, 1818 and every year since without interruption.

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