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This message is being sent to all members of the Central Texas Food Bank Partner Agency network.

Partners -

CTFB is currently receiving a high volume of perishable retail donations. In order to ensure that this food gets to those in need as quickly and efficiently as possible, we need your help. **CTFB is in search of partners interested in receiving weekly deliveries of donated perishable retail product.** Exact product available will vary week to week and typically includes cases of dairy, produce, and/or protein items.

To participate in this opportunity your agency must be willing to:

- accept a minimum of 5 pallets of product, at least one time per week for the foreseeable future
- receive the product 'as is' and glean for what is useable for distributing to clients
- practice safe food handling and follow proper storage guidelines

These items are available to your agency free of handling fees.

All agencies are eligible to participate even if you already receive other perishable food deliveries and/or participate in the Agency Retail Pick-up program.

Next Steps: Once you express interest, we will work with partners to assess CTFB truck accessibility at your facility, proximity to retail pick-up locations, and few additional criteria. We will then set up an agreed upon delivery schedule. CTFB will give special consideration to partners who can accept deliveries mornings or on Mondays.

CTFB is expecting to begin receiving pre-boxed produce from South Texas in the coming weeks. Any partners who participate in these perishable retail product deliveries will be given first consideration for this pre-boxed product. Additionally, CTFB will do our best to work with partners on any waste

management issues for deliveries that are found to have excess spoilage.

To express interest in participating and to learn more please email us ASAP at agencies@centraltexasfoodbank.org

We appreciate your partnership and look forward to working together to provide our clients with access to even more healthy perishable food items now and in the future.

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