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Indiana State Fair Farmers Care food drive results announced *Hoosiers helping Hoosiers*

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – Hoosiers helping those in need is part of Indiana’s culture, and an effort led by the Indiana State Fair has prompted 32 counties to participate in the “Farmers Care” food drives. Through a partnership with the Indiana Association of Fairs (INAF) and Feeding Indiana’s Hungry (FIH), these 32 counties have helped Farmers Care collect just over \$26,880 and 43,701 pounds of food. The top five county food drives have been determined by the amount of food they collected:

1. Porter County – raised \$22,450
2. Miami County – collected 11,050 pounds of food
3. Washington County Farmers Merchants – collected 5,862 pounds of food
4. Newton County – collected 3,920 pounds of food
5. Tipton County – collected 3,324 pounds of food

The other participating counties include: Adams, Allen, Boone, Clay, Clinton, Daviess, Fayette, Grant, Hamilton, Hancock, Harrison, Hendricks, Howard, Huntington, Jasper, Orange, Perry, Pulaski, Randolph, Shelby, Spencer, Vanderburgh, Vermillion, Wabash, Washington, and Wells.

Leaders in these counties worked with local food banks to secure donations during their county fairs that benefit local hunger relief efforts. Participants of Farmers Care received an allotment of Indiana State Fair tickets to help incentivize donations at the food drives.

About the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center

The Indiana State Fairgrounds and Event Center is a modern public event facility that annually hosts more than 400 meetings, shows, sports and agricultural events, including the Indiana State Fair. The year-round management of the Fairgrounds is overseen by the Indiana State Fair Commission which is a quasi-governmental agency that was established in 1992, with the mission to preserve and enhance the Indiana State Fairgrounds and the annual Indiana State Fair for the benefit of all citizens of Indiana. Additional information is available at www.indianastatefair.com

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