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MEDIA ADVISORY

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What: Donation of 129,600 eggs will be delivered to Mississippi Food Network

When: Eggs will be delivered by truck to the foodbank on Tuesday, March 28, at 1:00

p.m.

Where: Mississippi Food Network

440 W Beatty Street, Jackson, MS

Cal-Maine Foods Partners with Mississippi Food Network to Provide 129,600 Eggs for Local Families in Need

JACKSON, Miss. – On Tuesday, March 28, at 1:00 p.m., Cal-Maine Foods, Inc. will donate 129,600 eggs to Mississippi Food Network. The donation will be made to help food insecure families in Mississippi.

Egg farmers across America are coming together to donate three million eggs to food insecure families ahead of spring celebrations, including Easter and Passover. That's equal to 250,000 dozen eggs that will be donated across the country—one of the largest total egg donations in history.

Cal-Maine Foods of Ridgeland, Miss., is donating 129,600 eggs (10,800 dozen eggs) to the Mississippi Food Network. The donation will be distributed to residents in need in Jackson and across Mississippi.

Families in need of nourishing food struggle to find access to versatile, high-quality proteins, and eggs are often one of the most in demand products. Eggs are a good source of protein, containing numerous vitamins and minerals needed for healthy living and are vital to meeting the daily nutritional needs of

Americans. This donation will provide much-needed meal solutions for individuals and families in the local community.

Visit <u>IncredibleEgg.org</u> for more information about eggs. Learn more about Cal-Maine Foods at <u>calmainefoods.com</u>. For more information about Mississippi Food Network, visit <u>www.msfoodnet.org</u>.

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Note to Media: The media is invited to attend. Representatives from the Mississippi Food Network, Cal-Maine Foods, Inc., and the Mississippi Egg Marketing Board will be available to speak to the media. The donation presentation will be available on Facebook Live through the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

Logos Attached.



AMERICAN EGG BOARD



Logo for the American Egg Board.



Logo for Cal-Maine Foods, Inc.