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**Cal-Maine Foods Joins Egg Farmers Across America to Provide More Than 3 Million
Eggs to Families in Need This Spring**
*Local donation will benefit Mississippi Food Network, providing thousands of meals to
Mississippians*

JACKSON, Miss. – Today, Cal-Maine Foods, Inc., the nation’s largest producer and marketer of shell eggs, donated 129,600 eggs to the Mississippi Food Network. The donation will be made to help food insecure families in Mississippi.

Egg farmers across America are teaming up to feed families ahead of spring celebrations as part of a nationwide initiative led by the American Egg Board called *Fighting Hunger by the Dozens*. Cal-Maine Foods, Inc., in Ridgeland, Miss., is one of more than 20 farms participating in the initiative, which will provide 3 million eggs to food insecure individuals and families.

Cal-Maine will donate 129,600 eggs to the Mississippi Food Network, which feeds 1.8 million people per year.

Those in need of nourishing food often struggle to find access to versatile, high-quality proteins. 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 Mississippians with thousands of meals. In total, more than 250,000 dozen eggs will be donated by egg farmers across the country this spring – one of the largest total egg donations in history.

“Mississippi’s egg farmers are passionate about being good stewards and neighbors, which includes lending a helping hand, producing safe food, caring for our animals and protecting the environment for future generations,” said Sherman Miller, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cal-Maine Foods.

“Sharing eggs is especially important because we know that protein has great value to those who are hungry, and to the hunger relief organizations who serve them.”

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, more than 34 million Americans, including 9 million children, are food insecure. Hunger exists in every county and congressional district, and eggs are often one of the most in-demand and most nutritious foods available for families seeking help from local hunger relief networks. Egg farmers are dedicated to feeding those most in need.

“Eggs are a complete protein and provide great nutritional value,” said Miller. “Easter and Passover mark special occasions for families to gather around the table and we are hopeful that our donation will provide a helpful meal solution for many in our community.”

For more information on Fighting Hunger by the Dozens, visit IncredibleEgg.org/FightingHunger. Learn more about Cal-Maine Foods at calmainefoods.com. For more information about Mississippi Food Network, visit msfoodnet.org.

About Cal-Maine Foods

Cal-Maine Foods, Inc. is primarily engaged in the production, grading, packing, marketing and distribution of fresh shell eggs, including conventional, cage-free, organic, brown, free-range, pasture-raised and nutritionally enhanced eggs. The Company, which is headquartered in Ridgeland, Mississippi, is the largest producer and distributor of fresh shell eggs in the United States and sells the majority of its shell eggs in states across the southwestern, southeastern, mid-western and mid-Atlantic regions of the United States.

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Photos and logos attached.



Cal-Maine Foods, Inc., the nation’s largest producer and marketer of shell eggs, donates 129,600 eggs to the Mississippi Food Network. The donation will be made to help food insecure families in Mississippi. Pictured L-R: Ryn Laster, Ph.D, Director of Food Safety and Animal Welfare at Cal-Maine Foods, Inc.; Cassandra Mobley, Chief Operating Officer of the Mississippi Food Network; Vaughn Gresham, Member of the Mississippi Food Network’s Board of Directors; and Ted Kendall, IV, Vice Chair of the Mississippi Food Network’s Board of Directors.



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