

Grainland helps serve up 3.2 million meals

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Grainland Co-op recently joined CHS locations representing more than 300 communities across the country in raising more than 3.2 million meals, a 30 percent increase in contributions over 2012.

The effort was part of the annual CHS Harvest for Hunger food and fund drive by the Country Operations division of CHS.

Since the program's launch in 2011, the equivalent of more than 7.5 million meals has been raised. In 2012 the effort provided the equivalent of more than 2.45 million meals.

"Our thanks to everyone who helped feed hungry families through the CHS Harvest for Hunger campaign. It's exciting to be a part of this effort that raised in total the equivalent of more than 3.2 million meals and really shows how much our communities care about helping others in need," said Grainland general manager Rick Unrein.

On average, every dollar contributed to CHS Harvest for Hunger provides five meals. The number of meals provided for every one dollar varies by region, ranging from 3.7 to 7 meals.

In addition, CHS Country Operations bolstered donations to CHS Harvest for Hunger with contributions to local communities to help friends and neighbors. Grainland contributed to Haxtun, Holyoke and Julesburg food banks.

During the 20-day food and fund drive March 1-20, CHS employees, customers and partners collectively raised the equivalent of 3.2 million meals for hungry families, including more than 742,000 pounds of canned and fresh foods and more than \$490,000 in cash and grain for regional food banks.

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