

There has never been a more important time to join Farmers Union. Not only will your membership help us **support America's family farmers**, but for a limited time, you can also have a direct impact on **reducing hunger in your local community**.



Through a national partnership with **Feeding America** and the **Howard Buffett Foundation**, **Farmers Union** will donate up to \$10 for each new membership received through Feb. 29, 2012. These funds will be used by Feeding America to **bring much-needed food where it is needed in your state**.

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Howard G. Buffett is a fellow farmer who supports small-farm issues and is also an advocate for and supporter of Feeding America in the fight against hunger. Buffett hopes that by issuing this challenge grant, he can provide a meaningful platform for the agricultural community to support hunger relief and help their neighbors in need. Over the years, Feeding America has been a friend to farmers, standing by their side on many legislative issues of interest to the farming community.

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TOGETHER WE'RE | **FEEDING AMERICA**

Join **FARMERS UNION**

**Support America's
Family Farmers
and Help Fight Hunger**



Each new
membership means
up to \$340 to
fight hunger in your
local community!

Why Join Farmers Union?

Farmers Union is stronger because of its diverse members. By becoming a part of the Farmers Union family, you can expect:

- **REPRESENTATION:** Farmers Union state and national leaders and staff understand the critical issues and represent YOUR voice to elected officials.
- **EDUCATION:** From youth day classes and summer camps to adult learning sessions, Farmers Union believes that education is the base of success.
- **COOPERATION:** Farmers Union offers support, education and information for rural and cooperative initiatives.

• **GRASSROOTS POLICY:** Farmers Union policy is written and approved by our members.

• **INFORMATION:** Farmers Union helps you stay up-to-date with

the issues that matter most to you, your family and your business through several publications and our website.

- **VALUE-ADDED:** A membership in Farmers Union also provides you real savings – discounts at more than 6,000 hotels nationwide, savings on car rentals and much more. Insurance discounts may also be available, depending on your state organization.
- **NETWORKING:** Come together with other farmers and ranchers that are facing similar challenges and opportunities.



How We Can Help End Hunger



Farmers Union membership contributions are the critical first step in feeding millions of Americans at risk of hunger.

Feeding America builds partnerships with:

- Growers
 - Processors
 - Retailers
 - Manufacturers
 - Wholesalers
- ... and encourage them to donate groceries that might otherwise go to waste.



The network moves the food, making sure donated food and groceries go where they are needed most.



Network food banks ensure safe storage and distribute the groceries to local charities.



Food reaches people facing hunger at:

- Food pantries
- Soup kitchens
- Senior centers
- Homeless shelters
- Youth programs
- After-school programs

Who is Farmers Union?

YOU are Farmers Union!

We are a **grassroots**, producer-driven organization that believes strong **family agriculture** is the basis for thriving rural communities. Those communities, in turn, are vital to the health and economic well-being of the entire U.S. economy.

The key to our **success and credibility** has been Farmers Union's grassroots structure in which policy positions are initiated locally. Whether the issue is food safety, dairy, specialty crops, trade or any other issues America's family farmers face – **Farmers Union listens to its members.**

Our membership includes **family farmers, fisherman, ranchers and consumers in all 50 states.** Farmers Union has 25 state/regional organizations, but even in states where there is no formal organization, you're likely to find Farmers has a presence. If you are from one of these states, join as a member of the national organization.

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