



2025
**IMPACT
REPORT**

A Resilient California: Hunger-Free for All

As 2025 began, 8.8 million people—more than one in five Californians—faced food insecurity. Wildfires, federal funding delays, and government shutdowns compounded an already dire situation, threatening the very programs that families depend on to put food on the table. **But the California Association of Food Banks was built for moments like these.**

When uncertainty struck, we responded. Our Farm to Family team delivered 321 million pounds of fresh, nutritious food, a 12% increase from the previous year, bringing greater variety and nutrition to communities across the state and beyond. We secured \$80 million in state funding to support California-grown food purchases, strengthening both our food banks and our farmers. And we welcomed two new food bank members into our network, expanding our collective capacity to serve those who need us most.

This resilience didn't happen by accident. It's the result of years of strategic planning, strong partnerships, and a commitment to preparing for the worst while working toward more equitable food systems. Together, with our member food banks, farmers, advocates, supporters, and dedicated team, we kept families fed, farms strong, and California's food safety net intact.

Thank you for standing with us.

Stacia Levenfeld
Chief Executive Officer



MISSION

To end hunger in California

VISION

A well-nourished & hunger-free California, where all people have enough food to lead a healthy life.

Leading California's Effort to End Hunger

CAFB continued to grow its network, welcoming two new food bank members and expanding to **43-member food banks, 5,700 community-based organizations that serve 6 million people each month¹.**



Strengthening Our Network

In 2025, we strengthened our network work by hosting discussion groups and CalFresh outreach sessions to help partners navigate food access systems and support families. We also launched the Food ACCESS Speaker Series, expanding learning opportunities across the anti-hunger community.

21 Discussion Sessions

29 CalFresh Outreach Sessions

394 Anti-hunger allies engaged

Member Food Banks

1. Alameda County Community Food Bank
2. Food Bank of El Dorado County
3. Food Bank of Northern Nevada **NEW!**
4. Interfaith Council of Amador County
5. North State Food Bank-CAA of Butte County
6. The Resource Connection Food Bank
7. Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano
8. Family Resource Center of the Redwoods **NEW!**
9. Feeding the Foothills
10. Central California Food Bank
11. Food for People
12. Imperial Valley Food Bank
13. Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA)
14. Community Action Partnership of Kern
15. Kings Community Action Organization
16. Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency
17. Los Angeles Regional Food Bank
18. Westside Food Bank
19. Dignity Health Connected Living Food Bank
20. SF-Marin Food Bank
21. Merced County Food Bank
22. Fort Bragg Food Bank - Mendocino Food and Nutrition Program
23. Food Bank for Monterey County
24. Community Action of Napa Valley Food Bank
25. CAP Orange County Food Bank
26. Orange County Food Bank
27. Second Harvest Food Bank Orange County
28. Feeding America Riverside San Bernardino
29. FIND Food Bank
30. Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services
31. Community Food Bank of San Benito County
32. Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County
33. Feeding San Diego
34. The Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank
35. Emergency Food Bank (Stockton)
36. Second Harvest of the Greater Valley
37. SLO Food Bank
38. Second Harvest of Silicon Valley
39. Food Bank of Santa Barbara County
40. Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County
41. Redwood Empire Food Bank
42. Yuba-Sutter Food Bank
43. Yolo Food Bank

Footnote 1: Based on CAFB 2024 Member Survey Data

Farm to Family

Farm Partnerships Drive Statewide Impact

Across the state, trucks move California-grown food from farms to food banks, delivering fresh produce, shelf stable items, and proteins to communities in need.

We delivered **12% more produce than in 2024**, serving California food banks, 27 out-of-state food banks, and 13 regional food bank distribution cooperatives.



Partnership at Work

Since 2014, Durant Distributing in Santa Maria, California has donated fresh-picked produce—including broccoli, lettuce, bok choy, and more.

“The CAFB Farm to Family Program is a no-brainer. Not only are you limiting our losses, but you’re also allowing our company to continue to operate and harvest without a hiccup. Furthermore, the produce that would have been wasted or thrown away will now be distributed to families in need.”

— Tom Cline,
Durant Distribution

Strengthen Local Food Systems

CAFB purchased food through the USDA’s Local Food Purchase Assistance program, investing over **\$77 million** in high quality, culturally relevant foods from more than 800 local, under-resourced farmers and ranchers.

Of this total, **\$70 million** supported food banks directly, and **\$7 million** was invested on behalf of community-based organizations statewide.

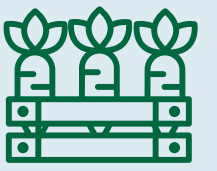
Lodi Mixing Expands Access

CAFB continued operating a small loads mixing center at a Farm to Family donor facility, Cache Produce, in Lodi that allows us to offer less than truckload, “mixed” loads to small, remotely located members with a subsidy for inbound freight.

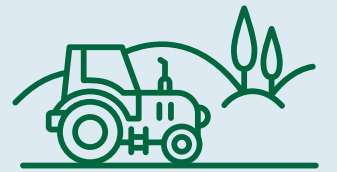
Twenty-five food banks utilized the mixing center and received 4.9 million pounds of fresh produce from Farm to Family; this was an **88% increase in volume from the 2.6 million pounds of fresh produce distributed in 2024.**



Footnote 2: The Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program (LFPA) is a USDA-funded initiative that enables state, tribal, and territorial governments to purchase locally produced food for distribution at food banks and other community based organizations.

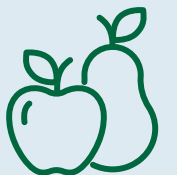


321
Million Pounds
of food distributed



Partnered with
117

California farm donors
through Farm to Family
program



Donated
56

varieties of fruit and
vegetables, including
hard-to-find items



Provided
14

types of proteins and pantry
staples such as eggs,
dairy, poultry, and pasta



Research & Strategic Initiatives

Turning Data Into Action

Our **Economic Indicators Dashboard** page became a key educational tool, offering clear insights on food insecurity, unemployment, housing burden, and neighborhood-level poverty. Utilized by food banks, community leaders, and the media to understand the impact of the government shutdown, it drew more than **8,000 views** last year. We also undertook our own research projects to further strengthen our advocacy, outreach, and network.

Research Impact at a Glance

- **Evaluated the impacts of SB 1383 on food banks**, highlighting their role in food recovery and the need for sustainable funding—findings that helped secure CARES Foundation support.
- **Worked with UCANR³ researchers on a rapid assessment of food banks'** responses to the November 2025 CalFresh benefit delay, caused by the government shutdown.
- **Developed a new method for estimating community-level food assistance** needs based on income and local costs of living; results will be released in 2026.

Advocacy & Policy

Policy Powering a Hunger-Free California

Ending hunger in California requires more than food—it demands policies that make nutritious food affordable, accessible, and reliable for everyone.

Through our **Policy & Advocacy Program**, CAFB works with member food banks to advance state and federal solutions to strengthen the nutrition safety net and address the root causes of hunger.

State

- **\$80M for CA Food Banks**
Helped CA food banks buy CA-grown and produced food
- **\$43.8M for SUN Bucks**
Funded summer EBT federal food assistance, nourishing ~6M children
- **\$90.7M for School Meals for All**
Funded free school meals for all K–12 students
- **+70 legislative meetings** during our annual Capitol Action Day

Federal

- Advocated for the **Farm Bill** extension in the Continuing Resolution (H.R. 10545) through September 30, 2025
- Provided timely updates to network and media during government shutdown, while advocating that the state **fully fund SNAP and CalFresh**



Footnote 3: University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources

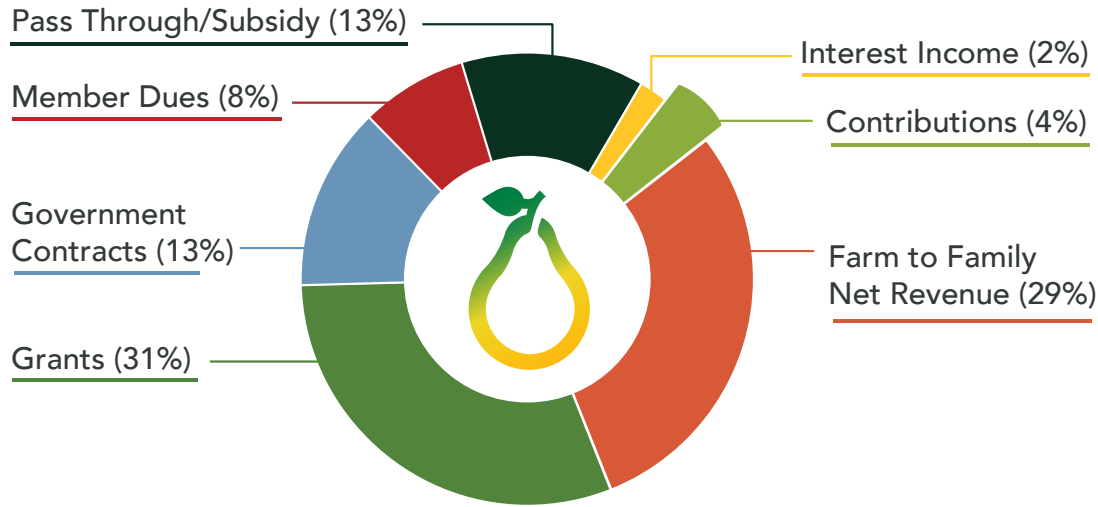
“The Indicators Dashboard allows us to access and compare key public data sources in one place, making it easier for our team to communicate data-driven insights to leadership, partners, and policymakers and advocate for resources that address the root causes of hunger.”

— Patrick Okoh, Data Analyst, Alameda County Community Food Bank

Your Support Keeps Food Reaching Communities

In a year marked by uncertainty and reduced public funding, CAFB provided the stability our 43 member food banks depend on to serve communities across California. We are deeply grateful to the donors, partners, sponsors, and supporters whose investments in our mission bring us closer to a hunger-free California.

2025 CAFB Revenue Sources



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