

## **Food Bank of North Carolina**

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### **Food Bank Needs More Dairy Products**

**Raleigh-** June is Dairy month and the Food Bank of North Carolina, serving 34 counties in central and eastern North Carolina, is asking the community to donate more dairy products, particularly milk. Every year the Food Bank distributes over 1 million pounds of dairy products, but more perishable milk is needed.

“Yogurt and cheese are the most common dairy products donated to the Food Bank”, says Food Resources Manager, Anna Davenport. “While these food products are important, we need to see perishable milk donations increase.” Last year the USDA donated 500,000 pounds of shelf-stabled milk to the Food Bank, but that’s still not enough.

With children being nearly half the people served by the Food Bank, more perishable milk is greatly needed. Presently there are 11 Kids Cafe sites through the Food Bank that provide children with a healthy meal after school. “Our goal is to start providing milk as a nutritious component to the meal,” said J. Caprice Brown, outreach and programs manager. “We hope to see perishable milk donations increase to make this possible.” The Food Bank’s biggest donors of perishable milk are Food Lion, Wal-Mart, and Winn Dixie.

The Food Bank of North Carolina is a private, not-for-profit organization, which serves 864 partner agencies throughout central and eastern North Carolina. Out of every dollar donated to the Food Bank, 96 cents is used to support its programs. One of six America’s Second Harvest member food banks in North Carolina, the Food Bank solicits, collects, stores, and distributes food to nonprofit agencies assisting people at risk from hunger and has branches in Wilmington, Raleigh, Durham, Greenville, and the Sandhills. The Food Bank distributed more than 24 million pounds of food to those in need in fiscal year 2002-03.

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