

## Large Meat Donation

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**BLADEN COUNTY** -- Smithfield Foods says it wants to ensure no one goes hungry.

The Bladen County meat packer is donating 70,000 pounds of meat to local food banks.

A portion of that food was dropped off at the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina in Wilmington.



The food will be distributed to many organizations including Mercy House, Good Shepard and The Salvation Army.

Workers at the food bank say donations decrease during the summer months so a gift of this size really helps out.

"Our shelves are low and when something like this comes in, it's just a lot of hope. We know we came through again and we're happy," said Tony Taylor of the Food Bank of Wilmington.

The meat will end up on the plates of hungry people in New Hanover, Brunswick, Pender and Columbus Counties.

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