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HUNGER SUMMIT EXPLORES FUTURE OF FOOD



Des Moines, IA—According to a recent report by National Geographic, The world’s population will likely increase 35 percent by the year 2050, meaning crop production will have to double in order to continue feeding the 9 billion people on our planet at the current rate of production. This was just one of the challenges posed by Executive Environment editor and Keynote Address speaker Dennis Dimick at this year’s Iowa Hunger Summit on Tuesday, October 14th at the downtown Marriott.

Food and hunger are taking center stage in National Geographic’s new series, “The Future of Food,” which explores this and many other challenges faced by farmers around the world as we approach the next few decades. In this series, Dimick explained in his address, “We want to start a conversation, try to get agriculture and food back in the public discourse, to get people to think about their food.”

One-fourth of the world’s food calories are lost or wasted due to deforestation, according to the report. Dimick said more effective use of agricultural land will be necessary to avoid this problem in the future. He also said that future ag production will be tied to climate change.

The annual Iowa Hunger Summit is organized by the Des Moines-based World Food Prize, an international award that recognizes contributions related to the world’s food supply.

NEWS FROM THE COORDINATOR’S DESK



Well, the last of the fall harvest will be making its way to our warehouse doors in the next few weeks. We’ve seen such an upswing in fresh produce donations this year. It’s been just wonderful to see. I promise to provide you with the final numbers at the end of the year (which is just weeks away, by the way) so that you can

see the difference a year and a larger warehouse with built-in refrigeration makes. As the final crops are reaped and the produce donations taper off, we gear up for the giving season that is Thanksgiving and Christmas. Already, volunteer groups are making requests to get involved on site at our warehouse. This will be the first giving season in the new space and we’re grateful for the extra room to move about. But we want to make sure that we have enough food this season for volunteers to sort and count. Consider getting some friends together and organizing a food drive this year. The need for food assistance is a year-round problem, but one that people become all too aware of during the colder months. Make it a priority to let people know that we are here to help our friends and neighbors right here in Polk County. — JR

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Des Moines, IA—On Thursday, October 16th, volunteers from the InSight Youth Leadership board held a Hunger Sack food drive at the Dahl’s Food Store on E. 33rd and Hubbell. They collected over 140 food items and about \$115 in cash donations.

On Saturday, October 18th, volunteers from Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority lead a food drive at the Hy-Vee near MLK and Douglas. They brought in nearly 200 food items and over \$160 in cash donations.

West Des Moines, IA—Also on Saturday, the 18th, volunteers from the West Des Moines Kiwanis club set up for a Sack Saturday event at the Hy-Vee on S. 51st and Mills Civic. They collected 120 food items and over \$360 in cash donations!



Want to sponsor a Sack Saturday event at a Red Barrel location near you? It’s easy! Gather your friends to help out. All you need is **four** volunteers and **four** hours of your time to do something **great**.

You provide the bodies—we provide the handouts, signage, stickers, and collection materials. It’s that simple!

Contact Red Barrel Coordinator John Robinson at jrobinson@dmreligious.org or by calling 515-277-6969, x18 for more detailed information.



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RED BARREL COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2014 = 5,948

Rank	Store	Address	Collected	Store Director	Volunteer Collector
1	Dahl's	3425 Ingersoll Ave.	610	Mark Pearson	Downtown Kiwanis
2	Hy-Vee	550 S. 51st Street, WDM	591	Mark Luke	Bob and Jan Schulte
3	Dahl's	4343 Merle Hay Road	466	Kenny Kane	Ron Stoen
4	Hy-Vee	410 N. Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny	451	Wes Snook	Link Associates
5	Dahl's	5003 E.P. True Pkwy WDM	443	Kevin Helm	Link Associates
6	Hy-Vee	5759 Merle Hay Rd, Johnston	388	Ryan Roberts	John Young/Ron Stoen
7	Dahl's	1819 Beaver Ave.	359	Tom Day	Golden K Kiwanis
8	Hy-Vee	4707 Fleur Drive	315	Jamie Stephens	Denny Bradshaw
9	Brick St. Market	114 Brick Street SE, Bondurant	282	Reenie Hogan	Connie Richards
10	Hy-Vee	7101 University Ave.	247	Matt Heldenbrand	Chris Burch
11	Dahl's	5440 N.W. 86th, Johnston	232	Joe McDonald	John Young/Ron Stoen
12	Hy-Vee	1725 Jordan Creek, WDM	225	Scott James	Harlan Thomas
13	Hy-Vee	8601 Douglas Ave.	201	Drew Holmes	Larry Hamlin
14	Hy-Vee	1990 Grand, WDM	184	Kim Cole	Chris Burch
15	Dahl's	4121 Fleur Drive	166	Scott Hornberg	Denny Bradshaw
16	Dahl's	3400 E. 33rd Street	154	Steve Taylor	Link Associates
17	Dahl's	1208 Prospect, WDM	131	N/A	Joni Yeates
18	Hy-Vee	1700 35th Street, WDM	108	Brian Bieker	Link Associates
19	Fareway	8450 Meredith Drive	105	Dave Eisentrager	Larry Hamlin
20	Dahl's	1320 E. Euclid Ave.	84	Ryan Halverson	Link Associates
21	Dahl's	8700 Hickman Rd.	82	Rick Lane	Liz Coffman
22	Hy-Vee	3330 MLK Blvd.	42	Brandon Williams	DMARC Staff
23	Hy-Vee	1107 Army Post Road	23	Jason Crocker	Denny Bradshaw
24	Fareway	100 E. Euclid Ave.	19	Nick Greiner	Link Associates
25	Fareway	10151 University, Clive	14	Kevin McCormick	Link Associates
26	Hy-Vee	3221 S.E. 14th Street	13	Nate Fehl	Link Associates
27	Fareway	3000 S.E. 22nd Street	9	Wil Golberg	Link Associates
28	Fareway	109 S.E. Oralabor, Ankeny	4	Doug Haugland	Link Associates
29	Fareway	3205 N. Ankeny Blvd.	0	Rick Beckwith	Amy Tournier

HUNGER SACKS SOLD IN SEPT. = 497

TOP TEN STORES FOR \$6 SACKS (6 ITEMS)

61 - Hy-Vee, 51st & Mills Civic
 50 - Dahl's, 50th & E.P. True
 47 - Brick St. Market, Bondurant
 46 - Hy-Vee, Fleur & McKinley
 32 - Hy-Vee, N. Ankeny Blvd.
 30 - Dahl's, Merle Hay Road
 27 - Dahl's, 35th & Ingersoll
 22 - Hy-Vee, 86th & Douglas
 20 - Hy-Vee, Windsor Heights
 18 - Dahl's, NW 86th Street
 18 - Dahl's, 4121 Fleur Dr.

TOP THREE STORES FOR \$12 SACKS (12 ITEMS)

25 - Dahl's, 35th & Ingersoll
 18 - Hy-Vee, N. Ankeny Blvd.
 18 - Dahl's, Merle Hay Road

DISCARDED ITEMS, SEPT. = 2915

Hy-Vee, Jordan Creek Scott James, Store Director Bob Schulte/Heidi Zlab	1748
Gateway Market, Sherman Hill South Union Bakery Gateway Market Staff	765
Whole Foods, WDSM Michael Durr, Store Team Leader DMARC Warehouse Staff	348
Fareway, East Euclid Nick Greiner, Store Director Link Associates	41
Hy-Vee, East Euclid Mike Kueny, Store Director Link Associates	13
Hy-Vee, Johnston Ryan Roberts, Store Director John Young/Ron Stoen	0

FIVE YEAR HISTORY OF DISCARDS & RED BARREL COLLECTIONS

Month	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Cash
January	8,892	7,848	9,826	11,423	8,080	—
February	9,015	9,102	8,599	8,342	8,162	\$175.86
March	10,637	9,398	10,876	9,339	10,611	\$199.95
April	8,866	10,837	10,540	10,599	11,953	\$2,686.70
May	7,015	9,580	7,707	8,110	9,447	\$956.35
June	11,009	7,334	8,817	7,532	8,176	—
July	9,172	7,970	9,544	9,435	6,757	\$412.34
August	8,779	8,848	7,620	7,009	6,877	\$14.00
September	7,740	8,419	6,565	8,506	8,863	—
October	12,589	13,112	9,357	9,108		
November	11,586	14,267	13,157	11,307		
December	12,933	18,362	12,074	13,079		
TOTAL	117,802	124,638	114,682	113,789		