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Huge Egg Donation Rolls into Food Bank - Just in Time for Easter

U.S. EGG FARMERS DONATE MORE THAN 12 MILLION EGGS

AUSTIN (March 18, 2008) — Texas' own Cal-Maine Foods Inc. is giving the Easter Bunny a run for his money this year. America's egg farmers, including Cal-Maine, are donating more than 12 million eggs during the month of March to help feed the nation's hungry. In coordination with America's Second Harvest – The Nation's Food Bank Network, egg farmers from across the country will deliver truck loads of fresh eggs to help local food banks meet the increasing demand for high-quality protein foods.

The Capital Area Food Bank received 108,000 eggs last Friday, and they were immediately made available to more than 355 Partner Agencies in 21 Central Texas counties.

"We know eggs are associated with Easter," said David Davenport, CAFB President & CEO. "But more importantly, we know that people are hungry 12 months a year, and these donated eggs are a great source of protein for families."

"Cal-Maine Foods and our family have been serving Texas and the nation since 1956," said David Jenkins, Cal-Maine Foods Vice President of Operations. "We feel privileged to be able to offer help to such a worthy cause, especially during the Easter holiday season."

"Seeing the increasing need within their communities, the families of our industry came together to make sure America's food banks are well stocked with nutrient-dense eggs for the holiday season," said Gene Gregory, president of the United Egg Producers.

Each egg containing 13 essential nutrients – including protein, choline, folate, iron and zinc – for only 75 calories, the more than 12 million eggs donated comes at a time when food banks are struggling with low inventories, while facing a sharp increase in demand for emergency food.

About Capital Area Food Bank of Texas

The mission of the Capital Area Food Bank of Texas is to nourish hungry people and lead the community in ending hunger. In its 27th year of service, the Food Bank currently provides food and grocery products to 355 Partner Agencies in 21 Central Texas counties. In 2007, CAFB distributed more than 15 million pounds of food. For more information on the Capital Area Food Bank of Texas and its programs, visit www.austinfoodbank.org or call 512-282-2111.

About United Egg Producers

United Egg Producers (UEP) is the nation's leading trade association for U.S. egg farmers, representing 97 percent of U.S. egg farmers, whose members produce eggs including modern cage production, cage-free, free range, organic and other specialty eggs. UEP is based in Alpharetta, GA. To learn more about the egg industry visit www.uepcertified.com.

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