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**Food Harvest**

The Food Bank

## Press Release

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### **Pro rodeo to collect food for Ozarks Food Harvest**

SPRINGFIELD – The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Cowboy Classic pro rodeo will again collect food for Ozarks Food Harvest, on **Friday, March 28, and Saturday, March 29**, at Missouri Entertainment & Events Center's E-Plex.

Attendees are asked to bring non-perishable food items to the event. Ozarks Food Harvest requests donations rich in protein such as canned meats, including chicken, tuna, canned pasta meals, beef stew or hearty soups. Other needed food items for the food bank include boxed cereal and oatmeal, canned fruits and fruit cocktail, peanut butter, canned beans, canned vegetables, boxed dinners, macaroni and cheese, pasta, rice and dry beans.

Ozarks Food Harvest distributes food and supplies to 325 nonprofit hunger relief organizations across 29 Ozarks counties, serving more than 41,000 people monthly.

Last year's Cowboy Classic collected food for Ozarks Food Harvest to help the food bank rebound from the ice storm. "They provide for so many people in such a big area in the Ozarks. They're a good organization," last year's event organizer Rick Chaffin said.

Ozarks Food Harvest distributes more than 4.5 million pounds of food annually to its network of agencies, and also offers direct relief through its Food for Thought weekend backpack program, its Mobile Food Pantry, and through its Kids Cafe after school feeding program and Club FUN children's health and nutrition classes.

For more information call 865-3411 or Transform Hunger into Hope at [ozarksfoodharvest.org](http://ozarksfoodharvest.org).

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