2026 Counties Care Holiday Food Fight

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About the Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano

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Mission

Founded in 1975 – the Food Bank is leading the fight to end hunger, in partnership with our community and in service of our neighbors in need.

9 Direct Service Programs offered in Solano County

Over 500 distributions in Contra Costa & Solano, 7 days a week

(1) CalFresh
(2) Community Produce Program
(3) Farm 2 Kids
(4) College Pantries
(5) School Pantries
6. Kids Nutrition on Weekends
7. Senior Food Program
8. Mobile Food Pharmacy
9. Mobile Pantry Distributions

70+ Solano County Partner Agencies receive food

Partner Agencies include community pantries, soup kitchens, senior homes, sites with veterans and more that distribute food directly to people in need

Benicia – 3	**Fairfield – 20+**	**Suisun City – 2**	**Vallejo – 35**
Dixon – 3	**Rio Vista – 1**	**Vacaville – 9**	

How contributions impact the community

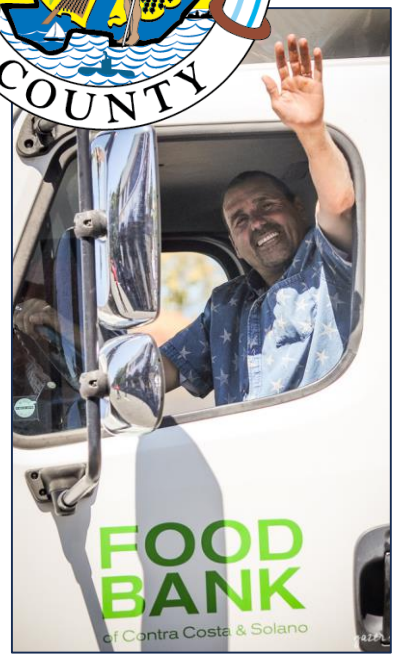
Food Insecurity in Solano County

- The Food Bank is seeing more than 30,000 households visit distribution sites on average each month in Solano County
- 15.8 million pounds of food was distributed to Solano County residents last year

Food Bank's Contributions Matter

- Donations help provide more than 2,700,000 monthly meals to residents
- The Food Bank provides healthy meals to clients
- Over 66% of food distributed is fresh produce, dairy and protein
- Community of 5,600+ volunteers served more than 110,000 hours last year
- Partnerships with more than 245 nonprofit agencies to provide food assistance
- One dollar provides enough food for at least two meals
- 97 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to food programs

Past Food Fight Results / County Outcomes

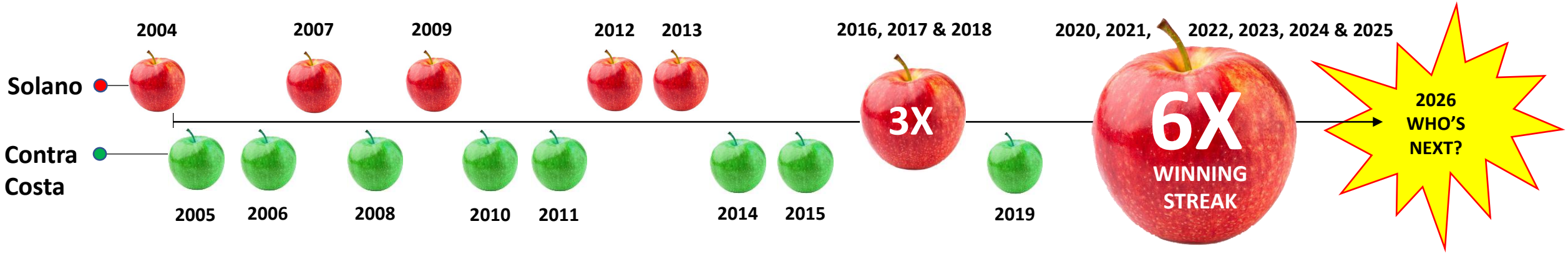


About the Counties Care Food Fight / 2025 results

- Departments hosted unique events (raffles, silent auctions, prepared food)
- Solano County raised **$47,195** in 2025
- Average donation was **$15.67** per employee

Outcomes over the past 22 years

- Solano County employees have raised a combined **$836,318**
- Contra Costa employees have raised a combined **$1.51 million**
- The Food Fight has raised more than **$2.72 million** for the Food Bank



Recommended Board Action, Timeline of Events

As the holder of the Big Apple trophy

The Board of Supervisors is asked to adopt a resolution challenging the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors to participate in the annual Counties Care Food Fight. If adopted, the Contra Costa Board will consider accepting the challenge at their next meeting.

Food Fight Award Ceremony, Solano County Board of Supervisors meeting, 2026

2026 Counties Care Holiday Food Fight

- Departments are encouraged to host fundraisers starting November 1, 2026
- Fundraising will continue through December 31, 2026
- Contest winner / department awards announced to Board in winter 2027