

Cram the Cab event will support food pantries

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Carroll County Farm Bureau's third annual Cram the Cab event celebrating National Agriculture Day will both spotlight the vital role agriculture plays in everyday life and pay off with donations to the local food pantries serving Carroll County residents in need of assistance.

In Cram the Cab, Farm Bureau is partnering with Fareway and Hy-Vee grocery stores, plus three local implement dealerships — Haley Equipment, Rueter's Red Power and Van Wall Equipment.

Cram the Cab will be held

from 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday, March 14, at Fareway and Hy-Vee, where shoppers will be able to donate non-perishable items for the food pantries. At each store, there will be tote barrels — representing tractor cabs — where customers can place donated items. Promoting Cram the Cab, Haley, Rueter's and Van Wall will display tractors at both stores that day.

The donations will go to Community of Concern and New Opportunities's food pantries, and Farm Bureau has reached out to them for lists of items they especially need.

The Community of Con-

cern list includes pull-ups, box potatoes, pork and beans, condiments, salad dressings, salt and pepper, canned soup, saltine crackers, pasta sides, rice sides, laundry soaps, toothpaste and ramen noodles. New Opportunities' list includes cereal, soup, canned fruit, juice, and any canned items.

Last year, a total of \$2,500 worth of items was divided between the pantries.

"This event was held to recognize and celebrate how agriculture impacts our daily lives and the many ways people rely on the food, fi-



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Carroll County Farm Bureau sales associate Lexi Johnson is preparing for the third annual Cram the Cab campaign for Community of Concern and New Opportunities' food pantries. The event will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday, March 14, at Fareway and Hy-Vee in celebration of National Ag Day.

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ber and renewable resources farmers produce while helping stop hunger in our local community," states a Farm Bureau news article on last year's Cram the Cab.

The website for Agriculture

Council of America, which initiated National Agriculture Day 46 years ago, says, "Each American farmer feeds more than 165 people ... a dramatic increase from 25 people in the 1960s. Quite simply, American agriculture is doing more — and doing it better. As the world population soars, there is an

even greater demand for the food and fiber produced in the United States."

Julie Von Glan, Farm Bureau office administrator, last week said of the community's generosity for the event, "It's overwhelming because we're just coming off Thanksgiving and Christmas, but they're very receptive."