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## The Soup Opera Benefits From “Feds Feed Families” Campaign

**White Hall, WV – September 8, 2011:** USDA agencies in West Virginia worked together to raise more than 6,900 pounds of non-perishable food to donate to local food banks/pantries/organizations across the State. “Feds Feed Families” is a national food drive led by USDA, the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and other federal agencies to raise food for Americans struggling with hunger across the country. This is the third annual food drive and the donations have continued to grow with each passing year.

“I am extremely proud of the generosity of these USDA employees to donate incredible amounts of food to help their fellow Americans in need,” stated USDA Rural Development State Director Bobby Lewis. The food drive occurs June through August of each year. In the first year, federal employees across the country donated 1 million pounds of food; in 2010, 1.7 million pounds. This year, USDA and OPM set the goal at 2 million pounds nationwide.

Locally this summer, the White Hall USDA Service Center collected 182 pounds of non-perishable food items and donated it to The Soup Opera, 425 Quincy Street, Fairmont.

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