

# Farms to Food Banks: Goals & Talking Points

## Goals

- Increased knowledge of hunger in Kentucky among elected officials.
- Commitment secured from legislator to provide state funding for food banks (Farms to Food Banks)
- Commitment secured from legislators to restore Farms to Food Banks funding to \$600,000

## Talking Points

1. Share your experiences! You are the expert on hunger in your own community.
2. Talk about the reality of hunger in your community, especially since COVID-19. Share a copy of their county's Map the Meal Gap report and discuss how COVID has impacted your work.
3. Give your legislator his/her Farms to Food Banks report and the budget request flier. Let them know that Farms to Food Banks provided over 4.5 million meals to Kentuckians in 118 counties, while also supporting 374 Kentucky farmers. Talk about the impact of Farms to Food Banks on your organization.
4. Thank them for the General Assembly's support of the program through a \$500,000 appropriation in the current state budget. Ask them to support an increase to \$600,000 - talk about increases in hunger in your community and how additional funds would help.