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News Release

Iowa FFA to Package and Donate 200,000 Meals

AMES, IA - The Iowa FFA Association and Meals from the Heartland are proud to announce that they will partner together to package 200,000 meals at the 88th Iowa FFA Leadership Conference at Hilton Coliseum in Ames, Iowa on Sunday, April 17th and Monday, April 18th. 2016 marks the fifth year these two organizations have engaged in this partnership.

More than 1,400 FFA members from throughout Iowa are expected to volunteer in this effort to package 200,000 rice-soy meals. If the goal of 200,000 meals is met, this project over the course of five years will have contributed 1,200,000 meals to those in need throughout Iowa and around the world.

Meals from the Heartland is a non-profit organization composed of volunteers who package meals for delivery to starving people in Iowa, the United States and around the world. Since 2008, Meals from the Heartland has provided more than 40 million meals to the food insecure.

This packaging event is made possible with support from GROWMARK through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

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About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of over 14,800 student members as part of 226 local FFA chapters across Iowa. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The Iowa FFA Association was organized by delegates from 23 schools at Iowa State College on May 17, 1929 and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The Iowa Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the Iowa FFA Association online at IowaFFA.com, on Facebook, and Twitter.