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Peanut farmers donate peanut butter

LUBBOCK, Texas – Members of the Panhandle Peanut Growers Association donated \$7,600 to the Texas PALS (Peanuts Are Lending Support) Peanut Butter Initiative to help purchase peanuts to be processed into peanut butter. Within the Texas PALS program, peanut butter produced from donations is distributed to food banks all over Texas.

Each PPGA member donated \$100 out of their own pocket to the program.

Peanut butter is an excellent product for food bank donations because of its nutritional benefits and shelf life. It has proven to help reduce the risk of diabetes and heart disease and is an important source of 30 essential nutrients. Peanuts have zero cholesterol or trans fats.

“Peanut farmers in Texas have really stepped up to help out others in need,” said Shelly Nutt, Texas Peanut Producers Board (TPPB) executive director. “It is our hope that more farmers will donate peanuts for this great cause.”

Last summer, TPPB, Western Peanut Growers Association and the Seminole Chamber of Commerce teamed up to co-sponsor a peanut butter drive that sent over 15,000 pounds of peanut butter to food banks in South Texas that were ravished by last year’s hurricanes.

Earlier this year, peanut farmers from Texas, Oklahoma and across the Southeast donated more than 8,000 jars of peanut butter to Martha’s Table, a community improvement organization in Washington, D.C.

TPPB encourages all peanut farmers across the state to consider donating a portion of their crop to the Texas PALS program. For more information on the Texas PALS Peanut Butter Initiative, please contact the Texas Peanut Producers Board at 806-687-6363.

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The Texas Peanut Producers Board is a state-wide board funded by a \$2 per ton voluntary check-off program. For more information, contact Lindsay West, TPPB communications director, at lindsay@texaspeanutproducers.com or call 1-800-734-0086.