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Peanut growers urge participation in nation's largest one-day food drive
Peanut butter makes the perfect donation

LUBBOCK, Texas – The 17th Annual Stamp Out Hunger! food drive provides an excellent opportunity to donate one of the best sources of protein in America's pantries – peanut butter.

Stamp Out Hunger! is the nation's largest one day food drive and will take place this Saturday, May 9 at a mailbox near you.

To participate in the food drive, simply leave donations of non-perishable food items, like peanut butter, soup, canned meats and fish, canned vegetables and fruit, as well as pasta and rice, next to your mailbox before the time of your regular mail delivery. Your local letter carriers will do the rest, collecting the donations and delivering them to food banks, pantries and shelters in your community.

"Peanut butter is the perfect item for food drives because it's packed with protein, energy and over 30 essential nutrients," said Otis Lee Johnson, chairman of the Texas Peanut Producers Board. "This is a great chance for everyone to help out those in need in our local communities."

Since the annual food drive's inception in 1993, Stamp Out Hunger! has collected more than 909 million pounds of food. Last year, a record of 73.1 million pounds of food was collected and donated to the nation's food banks.

The current economic situation makes this year a critical year for food donations. More than 35.5 million children and adults are facing hunger every day in the United States. One in eight Americans struggles with hunger.

Peanut farmers are doing their part to help end hunger. Earlier this year, Texas peanut growers contributed a pallet of peanut butter to Martha's Table, a Washington, D.C. food bank, and donated 15,000 jars of peanut butter to the Houston Food Bank after last summer's hurricanes.

For more information about how you can participate in this year's Stamp Out Hunger! food drive or to find out if your local mail carrier is participating, visit www.helpstampouthunger.com.

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