Food Lion Feeds Donates 805,000 Meals During Collegiate Football Season

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Thirty-four collegiate football teams participated in the annual Sack to Give Back program, topping last season's donation totals

SALISBURY, N.C., Jan. 14, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Food Lion Feeds is donating the equivalent of more than 805,000 meals* to campus food pantries and local Feeding America partner food banks through its annual Sack to Give Back program. This surpasses the previous season's total of 793,000 meals, strengthening access to nutritious and reliable food for college students. Food Lion Feeds is Food Lion's hunger-relief platform, founded in 2014 to help address food insecurity across the omnichannel retailer's 10-state footprint.

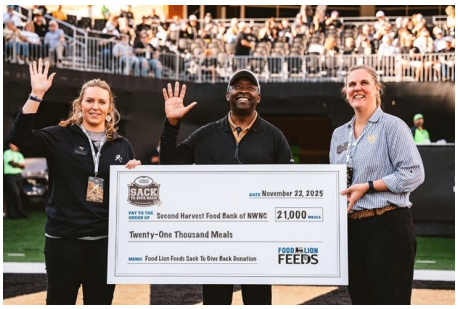
During the 2025 collegiate football season, Food Lion Feeds provided the equivalent of 1,000 meals for every quarterback sack recorded by the 34 participating teams, up to 30,000 meals per school. The donations nourish campus food pantries or, where on-campus pantries are not available, nearby Feeding America partner food banks serving college communities.

"At Food Lion, we know hunger doesn't follow a schedule," said Kevin Durkee, Manager, Food Lion Feeds, Food Lion. "As students return to campus for a new semester, we want them to be able to focus on their education instead of where their next meal will come from. We are grateful our Sack to Give Back program strengthens campus food pantries and helps students thrive."

Since launching in 2019, the Sack to Give Back program has helped provide the equivalent of more than 4.6 million meals to students and families in need. Food Lion Feeds also partners with universities through its Score to Give More campaign, which provides the equivalent of 100 meals for every free throw made, up to 30,000 meals per participating team at each school.

The Sack to Give Back participating schools and season totals include:

Sack to Give Back



Caption: From left, Lindsey Babcock, Deputy Athletic Director and Senior Woman Administrator; Alvin Farrow, Director of Operations, Food Lion; and Kristen Atwell, Senior Manager of Business Development, Wake Forest Sports Properties, join Food Lion Feeds in donating 21,000 meals* to Feeding America partner Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina. The donation supports college students on nearby campuses, including Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. The photo of the check presentation

School	School Location	Food Bank/Pantry	Football Sacks/Meals Donated
Appalachian State University	Boone, N.C.	Mountaineer Food Hub	28 sacks/28,000 meals provided
Bluefield State University	Bluefield, W.Va.	SGA Food Pantry	10 sacks/10,000 meals provided
Bowie State University	Bowie, Md.	Nutrition Lounge	17 sacks/17,000 meals provided
Catawba College	Salisbury, N.C.	Laura's Place Food Pantry	19 sacks/19,000 meals
East Carolina University	Greenville, N.C.	ECU Williams-Ross Purple Pantry	30 sacks/30,000 meals provided
Elizabeth City State University	Elizabeth City, N.C.	Vikings Care School Pantry	17 sacks/17,000 meals provided
Elon University	Elon, N.C.	Second Harvest Food Bank of NWNC	30 sacks/30,000 meals provided
Fayetteville State University	Fayetteville, N.C.	FSU Food Resource Pantry	30 sacks/30,000 meals provided
Gardner-Webb University	Boiling Springs, N.C.	Second Harvest of Metrolina	30 sacks/30,000 meals provided
Georgia Southern University	Statesboro, Ga.	America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia	12 sacks/12,000 meals provided
Hampton University	Hampton, Va.	Hampton U Pirate Pantry	18 sacks/18,000 meals provided
James Madison University	Harrisonburg, Va.	Blue Ridge Area Food Bank	28 sacks/28,000 meals provided
Johnson C Smith University	Charlotte, N.C.	Golden Bulls General Market	29 sacks/29,000 meals provided
Liberty University	Lynchburg, Va.	Blue Ridge Area Food Bank	16 sacks/16,000 meals provided
Lincoln University	Lincoln University, Pa.	Lion Pantry	15 sacks/15,000 meals provided
Livingstone College	Salisbury, N.C.	Blue Bear Food Pantry	30 sacks/30.000 meals provided
North Carolina A&T University	Greensboro, N.C.	Aggie Source Food Pantry	22 sacks/22,000 meals provided
North Carolina State University	Raleigh, N.C.	NCSU "Feed the Pack" Pantry	18 sacks/18,000 meals provided
Old Dominion University	Norfolk, Va.	SEVA	30 sacks/30,000 meals provided
Shaw University	Raleigh, N.C.	The BEAR Essentials Pantry	12 sacks/12,000 meals provided
South Carolina State University	Orangeburg, S.C.	Bulldog Express Pantry	30 sacks/30,000 meals provided

Tennessee Tech University	Cookeville, Tenn.	Tennessee Tech Food Pantry	30 sacks/30,000 meals provided
Towson University	Towson, Md.	Maryland Food Bank	20 sacks/20,000 meals provided
University of Maryland	College Park, Md.	Capital Area Food Bank	27 sacks/27,000 meals provided
University of Delaware	Newark, Del.	Food Bank of Delaware	24 sacks/24,000 meals provided
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill, N.C.	UNC Carolina Cupboard Pantry	30 sacks/30,000 meals provided
University of North Carolina at Pembroke	Pembroke, N.C.	The CARE Resource Center	19 sacks/19,000 meals provided
University of Virginia	Charlottesville, Va.	Blue Ridge Area Food Bank	30 sacks/30,000 meals provided + 2,000 additional meals**
Virginia State University	Petersburg, Va.	Troy Store Food Pantry	16 sacks/16 meals provided
Virginia Tech University	Blacksburg, Va.	Feeding Southwest Virginia	19 sacks/19,000 meals provided
Virginia Union University	Richmond, Va.	FeedMore	30 sacks/30,000 meals provided
Wake Forest University	Winston-Salem, N.C.	Second Harvest Food Bank of NWNC	25 sacks/25,000 meals provided
William & Mary College	Williamsburg, Va.	Virginia Peninsula	22 sacks/22,000 meals provided
Winston-Salem State University	Winston-Salem, N.C.	Rams Helping Hands Food Pantry	20 sacks/20,000 meals provided

Through Food Lion Feeds, Food Lion has helped provide more than 1.5 billion meals to individuals and families and has committed to donating 3 billion meals*** by 2032. For more information on Food Lion Feeds' commitment to ending hunger, visit foodlion.com/feeds.

**$1 helps provide the equivalent of 10 meals secured by Feeding America on behalf of local partner food banks.*

***Food Lion Feeds provides up to 2,000 meals for every quarterback sack made in participating championship games.*

****Food Lion Feeds helps address food insecurity by providing product, financial and equipment donations; disaster relief and recovery efforts; investing in capital campaign support for feeding agencies; and volunteer hours by associates. These investments are converted to a meal equivalent based on various meal equivalent formulas.*

About Food Lion
Food Lion is an omnichannel grocery retailer committed to nourishing its neighbors. More than 82,000 associates across 1,100+ stores deliver an easy, fresh and affordable shopping experience throughout 10 Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic states. With a focus on hunger relief, Food Lion is a pioneer in food rescue. Since 2014, the company's hunger relief platform Food Lion Feeds has donated more than 1.5 billion meals to those who are food insecure. The retailer has committed to donate 3 billion meals by 2032. Founded and based in Salisbury, N.C., since 1957, Food Lion is a company of Ahold Delhaize USA, the U.S. division of Zaandam-based Ahold Delhaize. For more information, visit foodlion.com.

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