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**RANKING MEMBER OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
U.S. REP. CONAWAY TO VISIT WEST TEXAS FOOD BANK**

*Congressman Conaway Will Be Meeting With Food Bank Officials
Regarding USDA's Farmers to Families Program*

ODESSA, TX, August 4, 2020 --- The West Texas Food Bank received its first shipment from the United States Department of Agriculture's newest program to distribute fresh produce, the Farmers to Families Program, last month, and welcomes the fresh produce as part of its goal to distribute more fresh fruits and vegetables to West Texans.

[From the USDA website:](#) As part of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program Secretary Perdue announced on April 17, USDA is exercising authority under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to purchase and distribute agricultural products to those in need. Through this program, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is partnering with national, regional and local distributors, whose workforces have been significantly impacted by the closure of restaurants, hotels and other food service businesses, to purchase up to \$3 billion in fresh produce, dairy and meat products from American producers of all sizes. Distributors will package these products into family-sized boxes, then transport them to food banks, community and faith-based organizations, and other non-profits serving Americans in need.

"West Texas is fortunate to have a strong ally in Rep. Conaway, and his leadership on the House Committee on Agriculture continues to ensure West Texans have access to fresh produce," said Libby Campbell, Executive Director of the West Texas Food Bank. "We live in a food desert, and many of the people we serve do not have regular access to fresh produce. I am excited to have Rep. Conaway help with a distribution so he can see first-hand the challenges food banks are facing during the current crisis."

U. S. Rep. Conaway will be meeting with West Texas Food Bank officials and will help distribute Farmers to Families boxes in the regular pantry distribution this Wednesday, August 5th, from 9am – 10am at the West Texas Food Bank facility in Odessa.

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About the West Texas Food Bank

The West Texas Food Bank (WTFB) is a nonprofit hunger relief organization that distributes donated and purchased food through a network of 80+ Partner Agencies in 19 counties throughout West Texas. The Food Bank supports the nutritional needs of children, families and senior citizens through strategic partnerships with civic and corporate groups, as well as private donors. Every dollar donated provides up to four meals for the hungry, and 92 cents of every dollar goes directly to feed hungry West Texans. Founded in 1985, the Food Bank is a member of Feeding America (feedingamerica.org), the nation's largest network of hunger relief organizations.