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FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee members:

The Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) is partnering with Dillon's Food Stores, Harvesters – The Community Food Network, Kansas Food Bank, Second Harvest Community Food Bank and the Kansas agricultural community to host a statewide food drive to reduce hunger in Kansas communities. The food drive, entitled Neighbor to Neighbor, will launch February 18 and culminate on Kansas Agriculture Day, March 19. We hope to raise 50,000 meals for Kansas families during the drive.

As leaders in agricultural policy in the state, we ask that you join Governor Brownback, Secretary of Agriculture Dale Rodman, food bank partners and representatives from Kansas agriculture for the official food drive launch next Monday.

What: Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive Launch

Where: Harvesters- The Community Food Bank, 215 SE Quincy, Topeka, KS 66603

When: 3:30-4:30 PM

The event will include brief remarks from Governor Brownback, Secretary of Agriculture Dale Rodman, each food bank partners and Dillon's Food Stores Vice President of Merchandising Ken DeLuca. Following opening remarks, guests will participate in a friendly meal-packaging competition, in which teams race against the clock to package as many meals as they can.

Please contact event coordinators, Kate Bormann ([Kate.Bormann@kda.ks.gov](mailto:Kate.Bormann@kda.ks.gov)) or Mary Geiger ([Mary.Geiger@kda.ks.gov](mailto:Mary.Geiger@kda.ks.gov)) with any questions.

We hope to see you there!

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