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# **Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee**

**March 17, 2011  
3:15 PM—6:00 PM  
Reed Hall**

# **Action Packet**

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**  
**Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee**  
**3/17/2011 3:15:00PM**

**Location:** Reed Hall (102 HOB)

**Summary:**

**Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee**

*Thursday March 17, 2011 03:15 pm*

CS/HB 709 Favorable

Yeas: 15 Nays: 0

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**Attendance:**

|                              | <i>Present</i> | <i>Absent</i> | <i>Excused</i> |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Trudi Williams (Chair)       | X              |               |                |
| Ben Albritton                | X              |               |                |
| Frank Artiles                | X              |               |                |
| Leonard Bemby                | X              |               |                |
| Jim Boyd                     | X              |               |                |
| Steve Crisafulli             | X              |               |                |
| Luis Garcia, Jr.             | X              |               |                |
| Tom Goodson                  | X              |               |                |
| Clay Ingram                  | X              |               |                |
| George Moraitis, Jr.         | X              |               |                |
| Steven Perman                | X              |               |                |
| Elizabeth Porter             | X              |               |                |
| Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda | X              |               |                |
| Patrick Rooney, Jr.          | X              |               |                |
| Franklin Sands               | X              |               |                |
| <b>Totals:</b>               | <b>15</b>      | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>       |

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**CS/HB 709 : Liquefied Petroleum Gas**

Favorable

|                              | <i>Yea</i> | <i>Nay</i>           | <i>No Vote</i> | <i>Absentee<br/>Yea</i> | <i>Absentee<br/>Nay</i> |
|------------------------------|------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ben Albritton                | X          |                      |                |                         |                         |
| Frank Artiles                | X          |                      |                |                         |                         |
| Leonard Bembry               | X          |                      |                |                         |                         |
| Jim Boyd                     | X          |                      |                |                         |                         |
| Steve Crisafulli             | X          |                      |                |                         |                         |
| Luis Garcia, Jr.             | X          |                      |                |                         |                         |
| Tom Goodson                  | X          |                      |                |                         |                         |
| Clay Ingram                  | X          |                      |                |                         |                         |
| George Moraltis, Jr.         | X          |                      |                |                         |                         |
| Steven Perman                | X          |                      |                |                         |                         |
| Elizabeth Porter             | X          |                      |                |                         |                         |
| Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda | X          |                      |                |                         |                         |
| Patrick Rooney, Jr.          | X          |                      |                |                         |                         |
| Franklin Sands               | X          |                      |                |                         |                         |
| Trudi Williams (Chair)       | X          |                      |                |                         |                         |
| <b>Total Yeas: 15</b>        |            | <b>Total Nays: 0</b> |                |                         |                         |

**Appearances:**

CS/HB 709

Paula Matteo, Area Director (Lobbyist) - Waive In Support  
 AT&T  
 100 South Monroe Street  
 Tallahassee FL 32301  
 Phone: (850)591-6002

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Fred Dudley, Attorney (Lobbyist) - Waive In Support  
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 315 South Calhoun Street  
 Tallahassee FL 32301  
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**Other Business Appearance:**

Florida Association of Food Banks

Rebecca Brislane, Executive Director (At Request Of Chair) - Information Only

Florida Association of Food Banks

1365 Alcazar Ave.

Fort Myers FL 33901

Phone: (239)281-7758

Florida Farm Share

Patricia Robbins, Founder and Chairman - Information Only

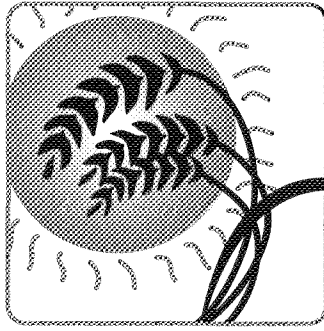
Farm Share, Inc.

14125 S.W. 320th Street

Homestead FL 33433

Phone: (305)458-7316

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# Florida

## Association of Food Banks

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[www.fafb.org](http://www.fafb.org)

### About FAFB

- Affiliated with Feeding America – the nation’s largest hunger relief organization
- 15 Regional Food Banks with warehouses and agencies serving all 67 Florida Counties
- Nearly 3,200 community and faith-based agencies statewide; 77,500 volunteers
- All agencies monitored and audited to assure food quality and inventory tracking
- Highly efficient – Average of 95% of funds go to program services
- Disaster response - conduit to national food resources through Feeding America

### The Need

***“The severity of food insecurity has increased more dramatically in Florida than almost any other state due to its troubled economy.”***

- **Food insecurity** has increased to 14.2% of households, up from 8.9%
- **Very low food security** has almost doubled, increasing from 3.1% to 6.1%.
- **38% of those we serve are children – more than 1.1 million children each year**
- 33% of households include at least one employed adult
- 50% report having to choose between paying for food and paying for utilities
- 48% report choosing between food and rent/mortgage

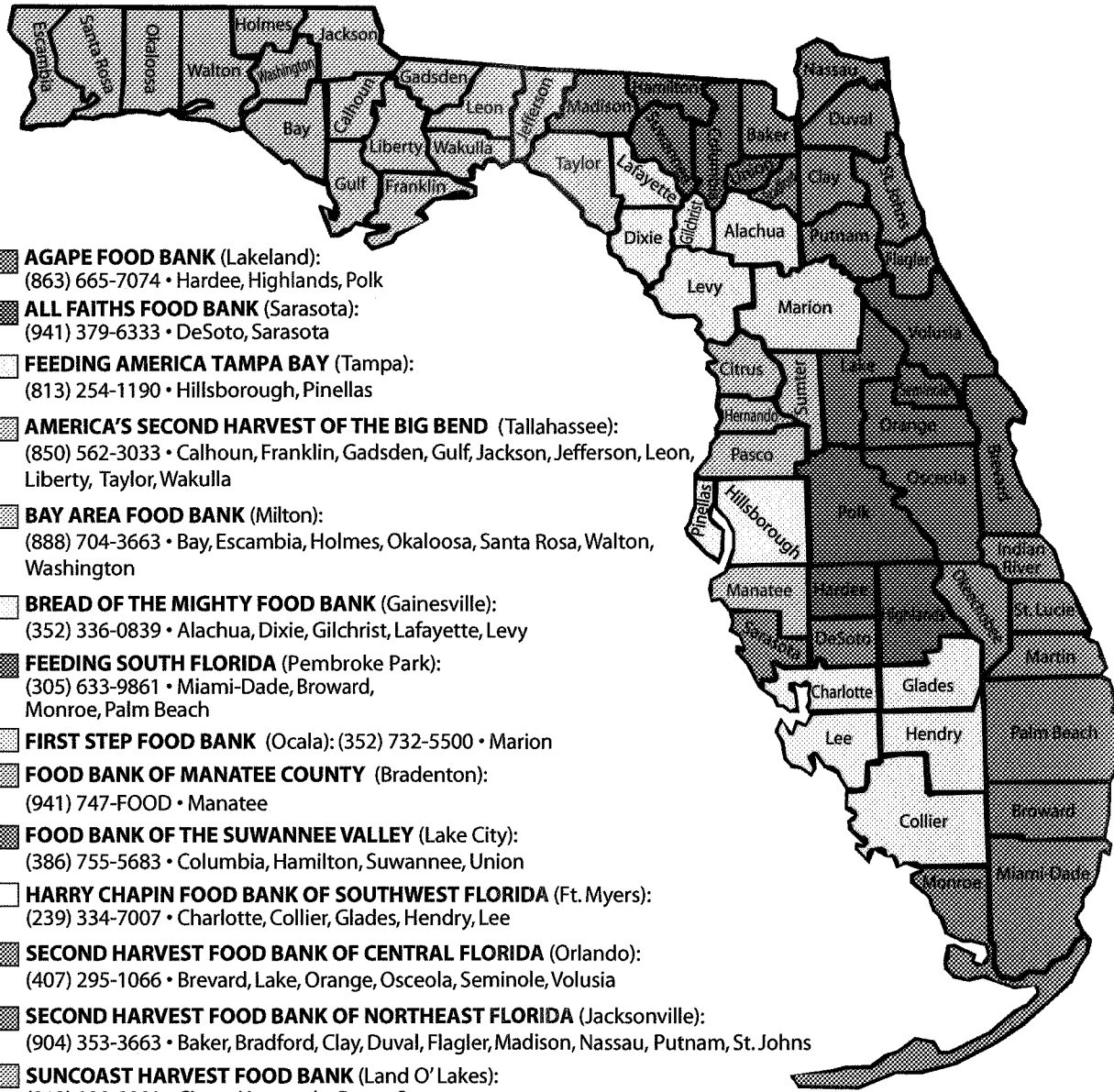
### Impact of Services

- Distributed more than **109 million pounds** of food statewide last year, an increase of 53% over past two years.
- Feeding more than **3 million people** in Florida every year, 330,000 weekly – 87 million meals
- Food Banks are by far the single most important source of food for emergency food providers - 77% of food distributed by pantries, 52% of food distributed by kitchens and 42% of food distributed by shelters
- Fleet increased by 64% (refrigerated box trucks, mobile pantries, tractor trailers donated)
- FAFB distributed \$174.4 Million worth of food (87 million meals) to our neighbors in need

### Legislative Request

- Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) Budget Request
- **\$1.5 Million for acquisition and distribution of food & grocery items**

## FAFB Member Food Banks



- **AGAPE FOOD BANK (Lakeland):**  
(863) 665-7074 • Hardee, Highlands, Polk
- **ALL FAITHS FOOD BANK (Sarasota):**  
(941) 379-6333 • DeSoto, Sarasota
- **FEEDING AMERICA TAMPA BAY (Tampa):**  
(813) 254-1190 • Hillsborough, Pinellas
- **AMERICA'S SECOND HARVEST OF THE BIG BEND (Tallahassee):**  
(850) 562-3033 • Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Taylor, Wakulla
- **BAY AREA FOOD BANK (Milton):**  
(888) 704-3663 • Bay, Escambia, Holmes, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, Washington
- **BREAD OF THE MIGHTY FOOD BANK (Gainesville):**  
(352) 336-0839 • Alachua, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Levy
- **FEEDING SOUTH FLORIDA (Pembroke Park):**  
(305) 633-9861 • Miami-Dade, Broward, Monroe, Palm Beach
- **FIRST STEP FOOD BANK (Ocala):** (352) 732-5500 • Marion
- **FOOD BANK OF MANATEE COUNTY (Bradenton):**  
(941) 747-FOOD • Manatee
- **FOOD BANK OF THE SUWANNEE VALLEY (Lake City):**  
(386) 755-5683 • Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee, Union
- **HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA (Ft. Myers):**  
(239) 334-7007 • Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee
- **SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL FLORIDA (Orlando):**  
(407) 295-1066 • Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Volusia
- **SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF NORTHEAST FLORIDA (Jacksonville):**  
(904) 353-3663 • Baker, Bradford, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Madison, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns
- **SUNCOAST HARVEST FOOD BANK (Land O' Lakes):**  
(813) 929-0200 • Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Sumter
- **TREASURE COAST FOOD BANK (Ft. Pierce):**  
(772) 489-5676 • Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, St. Lucie

## Get Involved...



Join FAFB to fight hunger in Florida!  
It's easier than you may think.

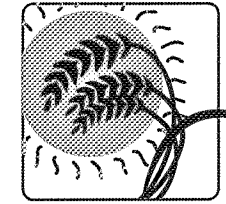
- Donate food
- Make a financial contribution
- Volunteer

Call or email FAFB to find out how  
you can make a difference!

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For more information visit  
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Food Banks

Partner State  
Association of  
**FEEDING  
AMERICA**



for a  
**Hunger Free  
Florida**



## What We Do

FAFB and its members find, ship, store and distribute wholesome but unmarketable food to help people in poverty or those facing a crisis. Our member food banks work through more than 3,000 community- and faith-based organizations to distribute food to people in need.

We provide services to all 67 Florida Counties. Our community partners include:

- ✧ Emergency food pantries
- ✧ After school programs for children
- ✧ Homeless shelters and soup kitchens
- ✧ Shelters for abused women & children
- ✧ Residential programs for mentally and/or physically challenged
- ✧ Senior meal programs

Our nationally recognized network standards assure both fiscal responsibility and operational excellence.

## Where Our Food Comes From

We partner with many sectors of the food industry and in our communities to find surplus food for people in need. Some of our sources are:

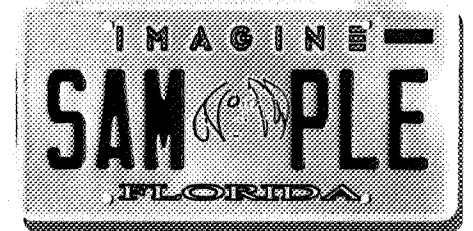
- ✧ Major grocers and retailers
- ✧ Fruit and vegetable growers and packers
- ✧ National manufacturers
- ✧ USDA commodities
- ✧ Community food drives

The FAFB Farmers Feeding Florida initiative is a partnership with agricultural leaders throughout the state to find and rescue millions of pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables that might otherwise go to waste.

**Last year, the FAFB member network distributed more than 109 million pounds of food—enough for 87 million meals to our neighbors in need.**



*Imagine...there's no hunger*



Yoko Ono has kindly authorized the use of the John Lennon self-portrait image to help the Florida Association of Food Banks in its ongoing fight to end hunger in Florida.

The IMAGINE specialty license plate is an official Florida State specialty plate and can be purchased when you register your vehicle or when you renew your registration. Order your tag online at [www.ImaginePlate.com](http://www.ImaginePlate.com). Or simply tell your county tag office you want to switch to the IMAGINE (Food Bank) specialty license plate.

Learn more about the IMAGINE Plate at [www.ImaginePlate.com](http://www.ImaginePlate.com)

## Who We Are

The Florida Association of Food Banks (FAFB) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization committed to ending hunger.

We coordinate the statewide efforts of our member food banks to enable them to better provide a healthy and adequate food supply for people in need. Among the services we provide to our members are:

- ✧ Enhanced statewide communication
- ✧ Food acquisition
- ✧ Public policy analysis
- ✧ Public awareness about hunger issues
- ✧ Solicitation and distribution of funds

FAFB is affiliated with Feeding America—the nation's leading hunger relief organization. For more information about Feeding America visit [FeedingAmerica.org](http://FeedingAmerica.org).





