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Feds Feed Families wrap:

The program is called "Feds Feed Families" and it was launched last year with a number of Congresspersons from around the Washington DC area who "Made the point to us that, during these tough economic times, people oftentimes, a lot of families, are relying on food banks. And the three toughest months of the year for food banks are June, July and August. And it's because people just forget about donations. Everybody's on vacation or not thinking about this and so what happens is, the shelves go empty." John Berry is U.S. Office of Personnel Management Director.

He says the program is not only a great opportunity for federal workers in DC, but "All across the country, to work in partnership with our food bank community, to raise food and canned goods so that we could help stock those shelves during the summer months."

Berry says they made it easy for federal workers to chip in: "Everybody, all they need to do is bring in a can or dry good – a non-perishable item – that they'd be willing to bring in over the next three months. And all the federal agencies will be designing collection boxes for them to assemble that. And then we'll be working to distribute that through the food banks in the various communities."

The program collected 1 million pounds last year. Berry says this year they've upped their goal to 1 million 200,000 pounds.

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