



COUNTY OF YOLO

Office of the County Administrator

Patrick S. Blacklock
County Administrator

Beth Gabor
Manager of Public Affairs

625 Court Street, Room 204 • Woodland, CA 95695
(530) 666-8042 • FAX (530) 666-8193
www.yolocounty.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
November 30, 2012

Contact: Beth Gabor, Manager of Public Affairs
(530) 666-8042 [w] • (530) 219-8464 [c]

Conaway Growers, Yolo County and the Food Bank of Yolo County Partner to Give 160,000 Pounds of Rice to Those in Need

(Woodland, CA) – Conaway growers, Yolo County and the Food Bank of Yolo County are pleased to announce a collaborative effort to provide 160,000 pounds of California-grown rice to those in need. The rice, provided by Conaway growers, will be disseminated through the food bank’s programs, including the upcoming Christmas Food Distribution.

“This represents the single largest donation in the history of our organization and is a testament to the strength of our partnerships with the agricultural community,” said Kevin Sanchez, Executive Director of the Food Bank of Yolo County. “We are deeply grateful to the Conaway growers.”

This donation, endorsed by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, would not be possible without the generous support of the Conaway growers, Conaway Ranch ownership, Paul Buttner of the California Rice Commission, Chris Crutchfield of the American Commodity Company, Ethan Wade Graphics and American West Conservation, LLC,.

“Currently, more than 34,000 people, including single parents, children and seniors in Yolo County face the threat of hunger,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Jim Provenza. “With this generous donation from our rice growers, and a matching monetary donation from the Conaway Ranch ownership, we come closer to alleviating some of this hunger.”

A press conference will be held in conjunction with the next Yolo County Board of Supervisors meeting at the Food Bank of Yolo County, located at 1244 Fortna Avenue in Woodland, on Tuesday, December 4 at 8:30 a.m. to take questions about this effort.

Participants will include:

- Kevin Sanchez, Executive Director of Food Bank of Yolo County
- Jim Provenza, Chair, Yolo County Board of Supervisors
- Kyriakos Tsakopoulos, President, Conaway Ranch
- Mike Dewit, Conaway grower

###

Food Bank media contact: Shawn Kramer, Community Relations Manager, (530) 668-0690, x106
Conaway Ranch media contact: Mike Hall, Ranch Operations Manager, (530) 308-0681