



## Thanks to the 2020 Kansas Ag Heroes!

### Matt Case, Farmers Coop

The following is a news story about the Food Fight sponsored by the Farmers Coop in Cherokee County. Matt Case is the manager and it was his plan to help refill the local food pantries.



“A total of 10,780 pounds of foodstuffs are now stored away in the local food banks in Cherokee County. The two-week County Food Fight brought in nearly five times expectations as over five tons of non-perishable foods were donated. The Farmer’s Co-op challenged community organizations in the five areas in Cherokee County to see which community could produce the biggest food collection in their area. The Co-op also said they would match every pound of food up to 2,000 pounds.

The Columbus community won the competition by donating 3,480 pounds and Baxter Springs was second with 2,760 pounds. Each of the city’s food pantries have already received the collected food items. Food was delivered to eight different locations throughout the county. In kicking off the program Columbus H & R Block donated 80 pounds of food for the benefit.

“The Baxter Pantry was almost empty,” according to Matt Case, Farmer’s Coop general manager. “Most all of the pantries have been hit hard by the COVID 19 pandemic, this will really help, we are happy to see them fill up.”

Weir collected 1880 pounds, Galena had 1770 pounds and Riverton collected 940 pounds. The City of Columbus will receive the trophy as this year’s food fight champion. It will be presented at a later date.”

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