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United Cooperative and United Ethanol donate \$11,000 to various Wisconsin food pantries

Dec. 18, 2009, MILTON – United Cooperative released \$11,000 in monetary funds to 11 food pantries throughout United Cooperative’s south-central Wisconsin trade territory this week. One thousand dollars has been designated for the Milton Community Action Food Pantry, Milton, on behalf of United Ethanol, LLC.

“It’s no secret the current recession has affected our patron members, both rural and urban,” commented David Cramer, United Cooperative president and chief executive officer. “Due to these trying times, United Cooperative has donated \$11,000 to area Wisconsin food pantries. We hope this will help in a small way to bring warm meals to families this Christmas season,” he added

The Milton Community Action Food Pantry is open every Wednesday and the first Monday of every month, serving about 115 families per month. “This is approximately a 35 percent increase since November, 2005,” commented Carol Hulbert, pantry coordinator. “We will be using United Ethanol’s monetary donation to purchase both perishable and nonperishable food from Second Harvest (now named Feeding America) and also local grocery establishments,” she added.

Other Wisconsin food pantries receiving donations from United Cooperative:

- Baraboo Food Pantry/First United Methodist Church, Baraboo
- Deerfield Community Center, Deerfield
- Dodge County Food Pantry, Beaver Dam
- First United Methodist Church, Hartford
- Johnson Creek Helping Hands Food Pantry, Johnson Creek
- Reedsburg Area Food Pantry, Reedsburg
- Ripon Food Pantry, Ripon
- Sauk Prairie Area Food Pantry, Prairie du Sac
- St. Stephen’s Food Pantry, Horicon
- Watertown Food Pantry, Watertown

Formed in 1936, United Cooperative is a full-service cooperative offering feed, grain, agronomy, and energy products and services to south-central Wisconsin farmers and consumers.

United Ethanol, incorporated in 2005, is a 42 million-gallon-per-year ethanol production facility located in Milton, Wis. In 1974, U.S. farmers yielded 71.9 bushels of corn per acre, compared with 153.9 in 2008. United Ethanol produces approximately 2.8 gallons of ethanol and 18 pounds of highly valuable feed co-products called distiller’s grain from one bushel of corn.

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