

Spotlight: Produce Shipping Container

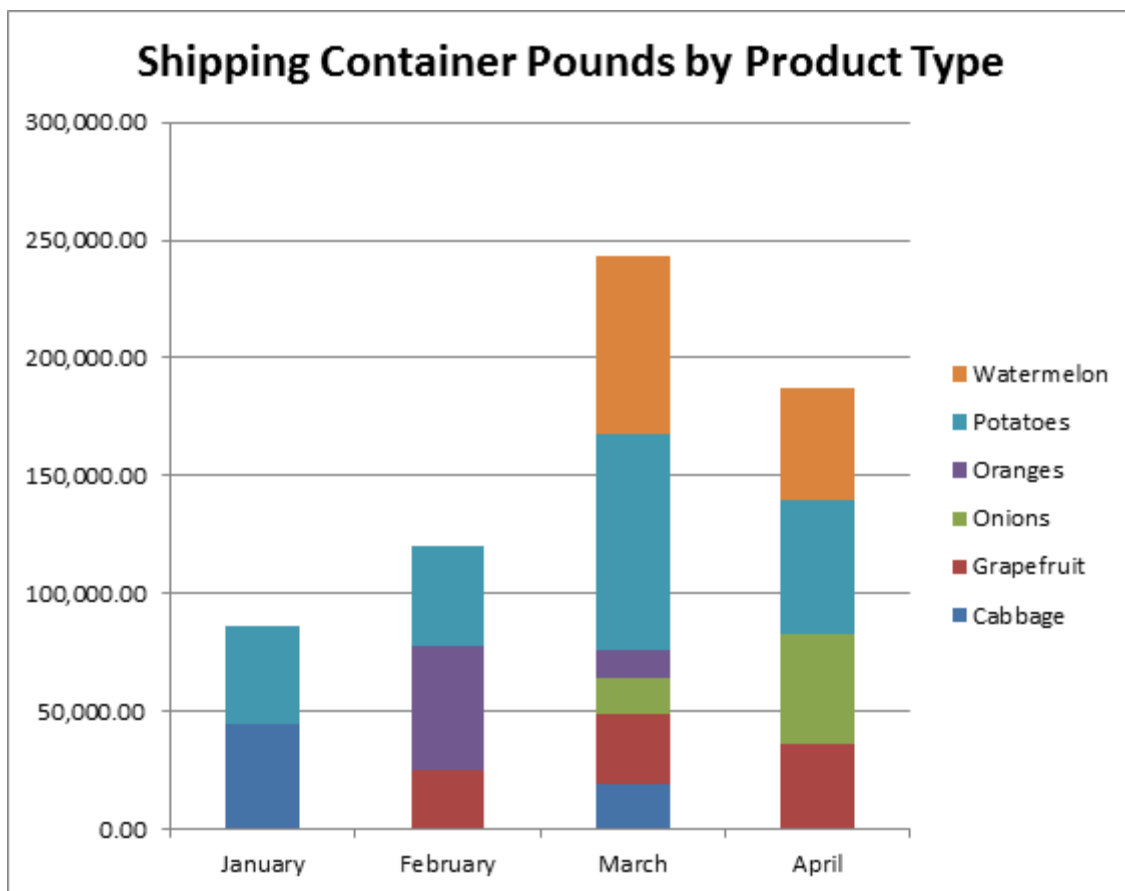
The Capital Area Food Bank's mission is to nourish hungry people and lead the community in ending hunger. One large obstacle prohibiting the distribution of nutritious fresh produce to hungry people in our 21 county service territory is the food bank's limited warehouse capacity. The food bank offers FREE perishable food items in our agency "shop for" cooler so partners can bulk up on produce, dairy, bread, etc. for their clients. However due to logistics, some partners never step foot into the food bank and only receive orders through regional delivery. So what's the solution?

Our trucks currently do not have the capacity to deliver both partner orders and excess produce/shop for items, but Agency Relations Manager, Heath Ribordy, may have found a solution to this growing problem. After many meetings, customizations, and lots of partner agency support, we are excited to announce that a drop-ship model produce hub (40ft. refrigerated shipping container) is located at Caritas of Waco for surrounding partners to shop from for free!



So far, this trial has grossed about 928,655 pounds in four months, with an estimated annualized 3 million pounds total. This drop-ship / hub-n-spoke produce model will not only help the food bank reach its fiscal year produce goal, but it will help accomplish our shared mission in nourishing hungry people and ending hunger.

Pictured: Pallets of potatoes in the produce shipping container



Training: Food Safety & Civil Rights

The Food Bank has discontinued hosting the Food Handling & Civil Rights classes as of March 6, 2016. All partners will be responsible for receiving their Food Handler (Food Manager if your agency is an OP/OS meal site or repackages food items) and Civil Rights trainings in their own time online. Visit the ["Resource Center"](#) on the food bank website for links to all trainings.

Latest News & Reminders: Required USDA refrigeration

Each year, USDA TEFAP flour, grain, and pasta products must be refrigerated during the months of May through September. If your agency does not have enough cold storage space to facilitate the refrigeration of these USDA TEFAP products, do not order these items from the shopping list.

Monthly Reports: May 1-15

April's monthly report is due May 1st but will be accepted until May 15th before your agency is placed on HOLD status. Submit your reports [HERE](#)

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