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***All Washington Ag Fair Nets a Win for Food Banks***

The first All Washington State Ag Fair, sponsored by [Washington Grown](#), helped to net a win for one local food bank. The [Washington State Potato Commission](#) (WSPC) participated in the Ag Fair March 19 in Olympia, WA. The WSPC invited all state legislators to visit their booth during the event. Those that did visit the WSPC booth were entered into a drawing to win 2,500 pounds of fresh potatoes to be donated to a food bank or charity of their choice.

This year Representative Joe Schmick, from the 9<sup>th</sup> legislative district won the drawing. Representative Schmick has elected to donate the food donation to Second Harvest Tri-Cities located in Pasco, WA.

"I had the privilege of visiting Second Harvest in Pasco last year to see the wonderful things they're doing for those in need," said Representative Schmick. "Their selfless efforts are making a difference in our communities but this is certainly a reminder that more needs to be done.

The WSPC will be working with Second Harvest to arrange for the delivery of potatoes in the upcoming weeks. It is estimated this donation will provide more than 7,500 servings of potatoes to people in the Tri-City area who rely on support from food banks.

"The holiday season is usually a time of giving, but the needs in our communities are year round. I encourage folks to take a look at their situation to see if they are able to give back to help those less fortunate," added Representative Schmick. "Organizations like Second Harvest do a fantastic job of making sure assistance makes it to those who need it the most."

It is never too late for people to make a donation and help those in need. To make a donation for Second harvest please visit, [www.2-harvest.org](http://www.2-harvest.org).

*Established in 1956, the mission of the WSPC is to support an economically and environmentally sustainable Washington State potato industry by providing strong leadership and innovation and building partnerships to meet the demands of global consumers. For more information about the WSPC, Washington potatoes or other general inquiries please visit [www.potatoes.com](http://www.potatoes.com) or call 509.765.8845.*

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