Bobcat Eats Food Waste Awareness and Prevention Program

21 New Food Distribution Sites
WIC, Healthy House, ASMC’s Food Pantry, Bobcat Pantry, D Street Shelter, Merced Rescue Mission, Restore Merced, Meadows Community Center, FeedNeed and more!

Between May 14th, 2018 and April 30th, 2019, 954,784 pounds of food was diverted from the landfill and redirected to those in need which is enough for 795,653 meals.

15,430 pounds of this food were perishable items that were rescued and immediately distributed to community partners/distribution sites.

This resulted in the reduction of 981 metric tons of CO2 emissions from the atmosphere. Saving food saves our environment!

24 Food Donors
Cardenas, Starbucks, Jantz Cafe, The Lantern Cafe, UC Merced’s Campus Store and Marketplace, the Turkey Trot, Mi Casa, Produce on the Go, UC Merced’s Campus Community Garden, Food4Less and more!

Types of Food Saved

- Fruits (seedless watermelon, bananas, grapes, persimmons, fruit salad cups)
- Vegetables (bell peppers, lettuce, beets, tomatoes, carrots)
- Canned and packaged goods (canned sardines, canned fruit, canned vegetables, beans, Saltines, protein bars)
- Baked goods (pastries, bagels, donuts)

Want to help? Contact emeyer4@ucmerced.edu

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