



95,000 pounds of food slated for food bank

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The Central Illinois Foodbank will get 95,000 pounds of food as a result of a state program designed to bolster Illinois pantries in the wake of declining support from the federal government. Federal support for the Springfield-based food bank is 30 percent less than it has been in the past few years, estimated Pam Molitoris, director of the Central Illinois Food Bank. Donations to the agency, which serves 21 counties, also have dropped she said.

The state \$1 million Food for Families program will deliver 1.5 million pounds to the Illinois Food Bank Association to deliver to 37,500 families across the state. The program will provide 3,090 meals per day. Gov. Rod Blagojevich has proposed \$5 million in funding for the program in the next fiscal year.