

2017 POULTRY AND EGG DONATION AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION

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Gov. Phil Bryant invited MPA member companies to the Governor's Mansion for the 2017 donation of poultry and eggs to the governor. 2017 is Mississippi's 200th year of statehood and MPA's 80th year.

Since this annual event began in 2011, MPA members have donated 1.77 million servings of protein to the governor for the charity of his choice. Gov. Haley Barbour gave the first donation to the Miss. Food Network and every year since Gov. Phil Bryant has directed the donation to the Salvation Army.

This year Cal-Maine Foods, Mar-Jac Poultry MS, Peco Foods, Sanderson Farms, Tyson Foods and Wayne Farms donated 54,000 pounds of poultry meat and 129,600 eggs. Held in early November, this is one of the first major food donations of the holiday season.

Gov. Bryant expressed his appreciation for the donation and called on the Salvation Army's Lt.



MPA Board Members applaud as Gov. Phil Bryant accepts the donation of poultry and eggs from MPA members' companies

Matt Hedgrin. The Salvation Army shares the food with other charities to make sure it reaches those in need. They included: Catholic Charities, the MS Food Network, Stewpot, Gateway Rescue Mission and Hope Home for Girls.

This donation to the governor is just one of many donations that member companies make of thousands of pounds annually to charitable organizations around the state. ■