AG Sunday Visits Central Pa. Food Bank as Pallets are Unpacked from Settlement Bringing 3.4 Million Eggs to Pennsylvania Communities

Settlement Involved Findings of Price Manipulation by 3 Major Egg Producers

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HARRISBURG – Attorney General Dave Sunday joined partners at the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, where more than 600,000 eggs will be distributed to families — the product of a multistate settlement with three major egg manufacturers involved in price-manipulation practices.

In June, the Office of Attorney General along with partner states and the U.S. Department of Justice announced the settlement with Cal-Maine Foods, Versova/Centrum, and Hickman's Egg Ranch, which involved a commitment by the companies of about 3.4 million eggs for Pennsylvanians.

Those eggs will be distributed by Feeding Pennsylvania and about a dozen participating food bank programs across the Commonwealth.

On Monday, Attorney General Sunday toured the Harrisburg-based food bank and the many pallets of eggs that will feed thousands of southcentral Pennsylvania families.

"I had a first-hand look at what is driving this massive effort, and I was humbled and proud of the collaboration that will make a real impact for families," Attorney General Sunday said. "Pennsylvanians are on a budget, so when the prices of necessities are illegally manipulated, my office will take action."

Deliveries are planned into next year for all regions of Pennsylvania.

"Eggs are consistently in demand at food banks and food pantries for their nutritional value and versatility," Julie Bancroft, CEO of Feeding Pennsylvania, said. "We appreciate Attorney General Sunday's participation in the multistate lawsuit and the resulting distribution of settlement eggs through the charitable food system to individuals and families who need them most."

Several deliveries are planned for the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, which received this week 13 pallets containing about 660,000 eggs. In all, 62 pallets are expected at that location.

“This delivery represents a significant investment in the health and well-being of our neighbors across Central Pennsylvania,” Shila Ulrich, CEO of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, said. “With 62 pallets of eggs, totaling more than 55,000 dozen, we can help meet the growing demand for nutritious, protein-rich foods among our neighbors experiencing food insecurity. We are grateful to Attorney General Sunday, Feeding Pennsylvania, and all those who helped make this delivery possible. These eggs will make a meaningful difference for families who rely on our network of food pantries and community partners.”

Regarding the investigation that led to a settlement, the coalition’s investigation found that from approximately June 2022 to March 2025, the egg producers secretly communicated with one another to coordinate their bidding activity and influence the daily egg price published by Urner Barry, a benchmark pricing service widely used in egg supply contracts.

Under the settlement, the companies must end their illegal coordination to manipulate prices, implement compliance measures designed to prevent future violations, and fully cooperate with oversight by the participating states. Each company must designate an antitrust compliance officer responsible for monitoring compliance and reporting violations to the states and DOJ.

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