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**ADVISORY – TOMORROW – NORTHAMPTON COUNTY – Shapiro Administration to Visit Bethlehem Food Pantry to Announce \$1.6 Million to Expand Emergency Food Access Across Pennsylvania**

Tomorrow, **Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding** will tour New Bethany Choice Food Pantry with local and state officials to highlight their work to fight food insecurity and hunger in the Lehigh Valley. Redding will announce recipients of \$1.6 million in grants to expand charitable organizations' work in communities across the state — an element of the **Shapiro Administration's** commitment to reducing hunger.

The event is part of Hunger Action Month in Pennsylvania. According to Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap, in 2022, more than 1.1 million Pennsylvanians, or 8.9% of everyone in the state, and 13% of our children, may not know the source of their next meal.

**WHO:**

Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding

Northampton County Executive Lamont McClure

Bethlehem Mayor J. William Reynolds

Bethlehem Area School District Superintendent Jack Silva

USDA Mid-Atlantic Regional Food and Nutrition Service Administrator Dr. Patty Bennett

New Bethany Executive Director Marc Rittle

Other state, local and charitable food system partners to highlight PA investments and work to fight food insecurity

**WHEN:**

Tuesday, Sept. 19

2:00 – 3:30 PM

**WHERE:**

New Bethany

333 West 4th Street

Bethlehem, PA 18015\*

Park at Cathedral Church of the Nativity, [321 Wyandotte St, Bethlehem, PA 18015](#).

**RSVP:** Please email [shpowers@pa.gov](mailto:shpowers@pa.gov) if you would like to attend.