

# Reach people with biblical truth by **GIVING COMMODITIES**

Give directly from your harvest to stretch the value of your donation! By giving commodities — such as grains, soybeans, corn, fruits, nuts and even livestock — to Love Worth Finding, you can reach people for Jesus and equip believers to grow in their faith plus experience personal tax savings.

## Important Considerations

To reap these tax benefits, you must only give away commodities that you own free and clear.

- Deliver the commodities directly to Love Worth Finding's designated agent.
- Ensure any receipts or other documentation for the sale or delivery of the commodities be given to Love Worth Finding, not to you.

## To avoid disqualifications, do NOT...

- Give commodities that are pre-sold to a co-op or subject to a lien.
- Donate commodities that have been sold as part of a larger crop, where only a portion of the proceeds are going to charity.
- Participate in the storage or any other activity related to the ongoing management of the commodities after your gift is made.



## Benefits of Giving Commodities

- **Reduce your taxable income.** Unlike gifts of cash, when you transfer ownership of a commodity before it is sold, you can eliminate the amount of the gift from your taxable income — even if you take the standard deduction. Cash basis, active producers may reduce their federal income, state income and self-employment taxes.
- **Deduct your production costs.** You may also claim a business deduction for the production costs of the commodity (such as fertilizer or irrigation), regardless of whether those costs occurred in the current year or prior years.



**Tax law makes gifts of commodities more advantageous than cash gifts for many commodity producers.**

### **Give Commodities to Fund a Gift that Pays Income**

In certain circumstances, commodities are also excellent assets to fund gifts that will pay you income for life.

If you would like to learn how a commodities gift can be used to make a gift that will pay you income, please call us to learn about your options, the advantages and how we can help you plan prior to making the gift.

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### **How It Works**

Love Worth Finding partners with Barnabas Foundation to offer smart and powerful giving options to our supporters.



Notify Barnabas Foundation of your intention to make a commodity gift by completing a Barnabas Foundation Commodity Gift Notice.



Deliver the commodity to the sales agent, or notify the sales agent if the commodity is in storage.



Ask them to issue the warehouse/storage receipt in the name of Barnabas Foundation.



Barnabas Foundation will distribute the funds to Love Worth Finding and send you a letter acknowledging receipt of your gift.

## **LEARN MORE**

Discover if giving commodities is a tax-wise option for you. To contact Love Worth Finding, call Bob Dawkins or Sam Cox at 800-274-5683 or email [partners@lwf.org](mailto:partners@lwf.org).