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To: General Authorities; Area Authority Seventies; Stake, Mission, and District Presidents; Bishops and Branch Presidents

Dear Brethren:

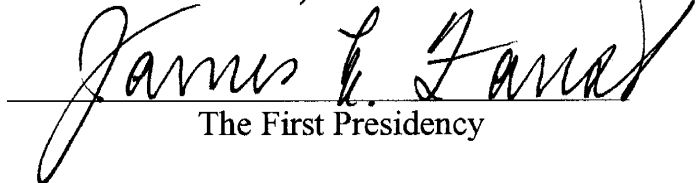
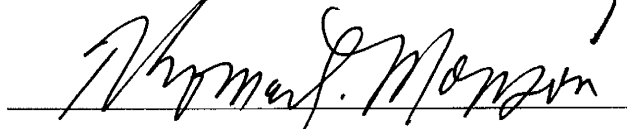
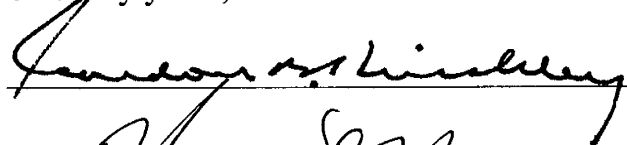
Home Storage and Financial Reserves

Priesthood and Relief Society leaders should teach the importance of home storage and securing a financial reserve. These principles may be taught in ward councils or on a fifth Sunday in priesthood and Relief Society meetings.

Church members can begin their home storage by storing the basic foods that would be required to keep them alive if they did not have anything else to eat. Depending on where members live, those basics might include water, wheat or other grains, legumes, salt, honey or sugar, powdered milk, and cooking oil. (See reverse for suggested amounts.) When members have stored enough of these essentials to meet the needs of their family for one year, they may decide to add other items that they are accustomed to using day to day.

Some members do not have the money or space for such storage, and some are prohibited by law from storing a year's supply of food. These members should store as much as their circumstances allow. Families who do not have the resources to acquire a year's supply can begin their storage by obtaining supplies to last for a few months. Members should be prudent and not panic or go to extremes in this effort. Through careful planning, most Church members can, over time, establish both a financial reserve and a year's supply of essentials.

Sincerely yours,



The First Presidency

SUGGESTED AMOUNTS OF BASIC FOODS FOR HOME STORAGE*

Per adult for one year.
This list may vary according to location.

Grains	lbs.	400
Legumes**	lbs.	60
Powdered milk	lbs.	16
Cooking oil	qts.	10
Sugar or honey	lbs.	60
Salt	lbs.	8
Water (2 weeks)	gal	14

* See also *Essentials of Home Production and Storage*, 1978

** Legumes include dry beans, split peas, lentils, etc.

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