



**Walmart to Open up to 300 Stores Serving USDA Food Deserts by 2016;
More than 40,000 Associates Will Work in These Stores**

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First Lady Michelle Obama is helping millions of Americans lead healthier lives, and Walmart is proud to partner with her in this effort. In January, we stood together as Walmart made a groundbreaking commitment to make the food we sell healthier and the healthier food we sell more affordable.

As part of her leadership on products, prices, and access to healthy food, the First Lady has helped sharpen our focus on ending food deserts. After all, how can parents serve their kids healthier meals when they can't even get to a grocery store? No community should lack something so basic – so fundamental to human well-being – as access to food.

This is a problem that Walmart can help solve. Today, we're pleased to announce that we will open between 275 and 300 stores that will serve food deserts between now and 2016. These projects will reach about 800,000 under-served Americans in both urban and rural areas.

When combined with the 218 stores we have opened since 2007 that serve food deserts, we will have a total of about 500 projects serving more than 700 food deserts. We will reach approximately 1.3 million people in those areas.

By opening stores where customers need them most, Walmart will help build healthier families and stronger communities – because every single person should have access to the food they need at prices they can afford.