

Agency Newsletter

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Feeding South Dakota is a proud member of Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization. Feeding America is a network of 200 member food banks that engages our country in the fight to end hunger.

Important Reminders

CSFP agencies: Feeding South Dakota is required to maintain a list of all participants of the CSFP program. Please email, mail, or fax a list of your CSFP participants EACH MONTH by the shipping date of your boxes.

Please remember that children under the age of 11 are NOT permitted in the warehouse.



Note from the Agency Relations Coordinator

The March Biggest Challenge Question asked what trends your food pantry has experienced in the last five years. Our drawing winner is the White River Methodist Church Food Pantry. Thank you to Pastor Baldock for sharing with us:

Over the past 5 years, basically since the inception of our food pantry, we have seen an increase in use by families. We started out primarily caring for those folks who found themselves alone, living here and there, needing food just to get by, that could be eaten as is. Now we are helping families make sure they have two or three meals until EBT or commodity day. What we get has changed, in that we order more meats, meal items like pasta and vegetables.

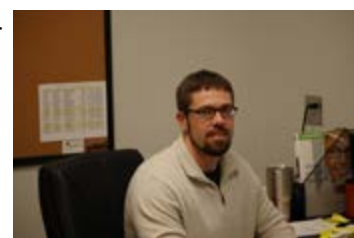
This pantry is seeing what has become a nationwide trend, the chronic need to use food pantries and other food programs to make ends meet more and more often. At Feeding South Dakota, we have also increased our pursuit of more nutritious foods. Many of you have taken advantage of the bulk produce that we have added to our menu. Thank you for helping us get this distributed. We're still very much in the learning phase with handling this product and we appreciate any feedback.

On the topic of produce, remember that your local can help you meet increased needs. Now is the time to start spreading the word about Plant-A-Row, asking those gardeners to plant an extra row to donate to help feed others. And agencies, don't forget that you can register your site on AmpleHarvest.org, where gardeners can go to locate an area food site that will accept fresh produce. Ample Harvest has worked with food banks and pantries across the country since 2009, and currently has over 8,000 food assistance sites registered on their site.

The April Biggest Challenge question: Have you increased the fresh foods you have available at your site? If not, what would you have to change or acquire to make the increase? Email diane@feedingsouthdakota.org with your response and your site will be put in a random drawing for \$50.00 worth of donated food on their next order with us.

Diane Briest, Agency Relations Coordinator, Eastern South Dakota

Hi, my name is Dan McGinnis and I started employment on February 27th with Feeding South Dakota as the Agency Relations Coordinator for Western and Central South Dakota. I was previously employed with the State of South Dakota working with the Senior Meal Program and I'm excited to get started with the Feeding South Dakota organization and helping all of you. If you have any questions or concerns that I may be able to help with, please don't hesitate to ask. I can be reached at 605-494-3663 ext. 305 or by email at danm@feedingsouthdakota.org. I can't wait meet everyone and get started with helping you meet your needs!



Hunger Facts

Feeding South Dakota supplies more than 2,800 food boxes to hungry seniors each month through their Commodity Supplemental Food Program.



CSFP

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program is a USDA food program for people over 60 years of age that are at or below 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Income guidelines. Sioux Falls and Pierre run this program and they work with partner agencies to distribute the box of food once a month to individuals.

Contact Us:

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Newsletter

In addition to our agency newsletter, Feeding South Dakota publishes three organizational newsletters a year. Fill out the "Newsletter Sign-Up" form on the homepage of our website to have this newsletter delivered to your email.

Delivery Dates

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Routes


- 4/6: Pierre
- 4/7: Mission
- 4/12: Winner
- 4/13: Rosebud
- 4/19: Chamberlain
- 4/20: Eagle Butte
- 4/26: Aberdeen

The online menu now has pictures for you to view and includes more product details. Just click on the camera icon.



Product Details

00005503 - BAK - Assorted Bakery Items

Category: Donated Product	Storage: Frozen	
Second Harvest Type: e Retail-Wholesale (Don)	Packaging: Order by the Pound	
On Hand: 450	Unit Weight: 1	
Unit Measure: LB	Qty Per Pallet: 1	
Price Per: \$0.00		

Description: Pierre and Rapid City Agencies - Order how many pounds you would like. Make special requests in the comments during checkout. Sioux Falls Agencies - Packing - 20 lbs bread 15 lbs Pastry

Actual Product May Differ

New Items & Specials



Green Beans
Item #00001311
\$4.14/case



Potatoes
The potatoes are \$0.05/lb.
Order by the pound