

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

February's Biggest Challenge Answer: What items on the Feeding South Dakota menu work best for your agency and why? This month's randomly-chosen winner is the Avon Kids Club. Carol writes that the kids that participate there enjoy the individual snack bars and the cans of peaches, as well as the many items that they can prepare using the hamburger such as taverns and tacos. Being able to have the hamburger on our menu for as low as .18 per pound is due to our generous friends at the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association, who are sponsoring the Prime Time Gala for the fourth year. This year's Gala is on June 17, with Martina McBride as the headline concert act. Protein is one of the highest food needs and we wouldn't be able to provide that without their support.

March Biggest Challenge Question: What trends has your food pantry experienced in the past five years? At the Feeding South Dakota food pantry sites in Sioux Falls and Rapid City, we have experienced much higher numbers of guests, and a large percentage of our guests have at least one working adult in the home. Email your answer to diane@feedingsouthdakota.org and you'll be entered into a random drawing for \$50 worth of donated product.

This early spring weather has been such a treat! It's a reminder though of how unpredictable temperatures are and the year-round importance of safe food handling. If you are picking up from any of the food bank sites, make sure you have coolers, ice packs, and freezer blankets to keep frozen and refrigerated food safe no matter how far you are traveling. Also remember that all food must be enclosed or covered and not exposed to the elements.

It's not too early to start planning for fresh produce. With over half of food pantry guests affected by a chronic illness, nutritious food is highly sought after. Ask your local gardeners to consider planting extra for your pantry or meal site, or let local farmer's markets know if you can take surplus. We also have bulk produce available on our menu. The Feeding America member food bank are striving to reach a goal of 75% of the food we distribute being a nutritious food.

Diane Briest

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.

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Newsletter

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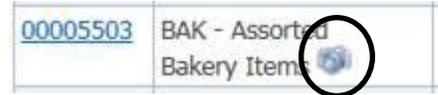
Delivery Dates

MARCH						
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Routes

- 3/9: Pierre
- 3/10: Mission
- 3/15: Winner
- 3/16: Rosebud
- 3/22: Chamberlain
- 3/23: Eagle Butte
- 3/29: 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: 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



Snack Crackers
Item #0000601
\$1.89/case



Saltine Crackers
Item #0000961
\$4.32/case



Starbucks Vanilla K Cups
Item #00000377
\$.90/case