

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 Recipient Lists should be emailed to Lynn. This list is due the first Friday of the month.

Effective May 1, please forward your weekly retail pick-up totals to Barb Curtis.



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

Hunger Facts

Feeding South Dakota supplies more than 3,000 food boxes to hungry seniors each month through the 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.

If you are interested in giving away FREE produce with each Senior Box, please let us know and we will have bags of produce to give away with each box of food.

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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

Routes

Monday:

- 4/3: Wagner, Marty, Lake Andes CSFP, Armour CSFP, Parkston, Avon
- 4/10: Brookings
- 4/17: Brookings
- 4/24: Flandreau, Brookings, Oldham, DeSmet

Tuesday:

- 4/4: Wakonda, Irene, Freeman, Bridgewater, Yankton Child Hunger, Huron CSFP, Wolsey, Wessington
- 4/11: Yankton CSFP, Wakonda, Irene, Tabor, Wessington Springs, Woonsocket CSFP, Mitchell CSFP
- 4/18: Wakonda, Yankton Child Hunger, Freeman, Bridgewater, Parker
- 4/25: Wakonda, Irene, Tabor, Yankton Child Hunger and CSFP

Thursday:

- 4/6: Beresford, Vermillion, Summit, Waubay, Webster CSFP, Roslyn, Claremont
- 4/13: Beresford CSFP, Vermillion CSFP, N. Sioux City CSFP, Elk Point CSFP, Milbank CSFP, Wilmot, Agency Village CSFP, Sisseton CSFP
- 4/20: Beresford, Vermillion, Salem, Howard CSFP, Madison CSFP
- 4/27: Beresford, Vermillion, Lake Nordon, Watertown CSFP, Clark CSFP

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Notes from Operations

When you pick-up your orders drive to the south side of the building to the first garage door. Walk into the warehouse door and notify someone in the office. Please do not walk into the warehouse space! For safety purposes, you must stay in the immediate pickup area. If you are picking up your order at the food bank, pick up hours have changed. Hours will be Tuesday to Thursday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you are not able to pick up within that time frame, please contact the warehouse to schedule a time. Orders will be held for 24 hours after the scheduled pickup time. Unclaimed orders will be returned to the inventory. Warehouse staff can be reached 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

New Items & Specials

All of these items have been frozen prior to being expired, but these items have dated out. We have priced these to sell.

- PP000161 sliced chicken 14x8 oz pkgs \$1.44 per case
- PP000154 sliced turkey 12x1lb pkgs \$ 2.34 per case
- PP000160 turkey chubs 12x2 lb chubs \$4.32 per case
- PP000149 bologna 12x16 oz \$2.34 per case
- PP000172 shoestring fries 12x20 oz pkgs 2.88 per case

