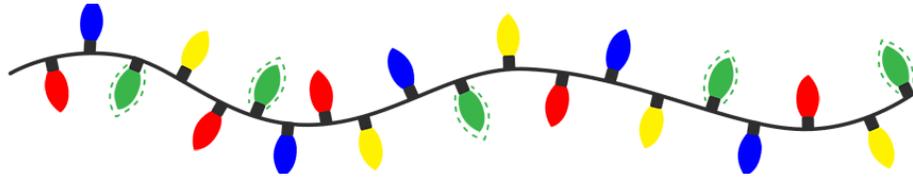




AGENCY NEWSLETTER



Pantry of the Month: Radiant Life Community Church



Radiant Life Community Church provides both pantry and meal support to the Siouxland community. They serve around 60 households during their pantry hours and serve over 200 meals during mealtime. Radiant Life has continued with the drive-thru distribution style, recently incorporating 600+ winter coats as part of their distribution for those in need as the weather gets colder.

Keep doing good work, Radiant Life!



Director's Letter

Thank you! This Thanksgiving season will have been a relief filled, joyous time spent with family and/or friends around food because of your agency. This November, you ordered 289,690 pounds of product from the Food Bank. This is wonderful! As November through February are higher food distribution months, the Food Bank staff is diligently working on getting more food onto the floor. Several larger food drives are finishing up and donated product will appear on the menu as fast as it can be sorted. Jamie is working with food vendors to get food delivered as soon as possible, to ensure this Christmas and New Year's season is filled with enjoyment. Having warm meals relieves several stress situations for individuals and families throughout Siouxland.



The biggest areas of concentration for the Food Bank staff and I includes the decrease in available frozen protein and fresh produce. We have seen federal and state agencies wrapping up pandemic relief programs. This was a major source of produce for the Food Bank since 2020. With the recent supply chain disruptions, retail partners are not able to donate as much as they were during the summer. To help with this, the Food Bank staff has opted into recently released produce boxes. These will filter into the warehouse now through the first quarter of 2022. Limited donations is a similar story for frozen protein. Your agency should see this lack of product when ordering. The Food Bank staff has solicited money to purchase product; however, finding the quantities needed to distribute to over 100 agencies is harder than expected. I also have been working with the other food banks across Iowa to advocate for the State of Iowa to bring back a farm/ranch to table program. This program demonstrated to be a wonderful State-Nonprofit-Private partnership, with direct benefit to Iowans in food need.

- Jake Wanderscheid

Examples of how to separate USDA commodities!



Marker Color	Source
Black	Donations
Blue	Purchased
Green	Nebraska
Green	Commodities

Date on top and slash through bar code



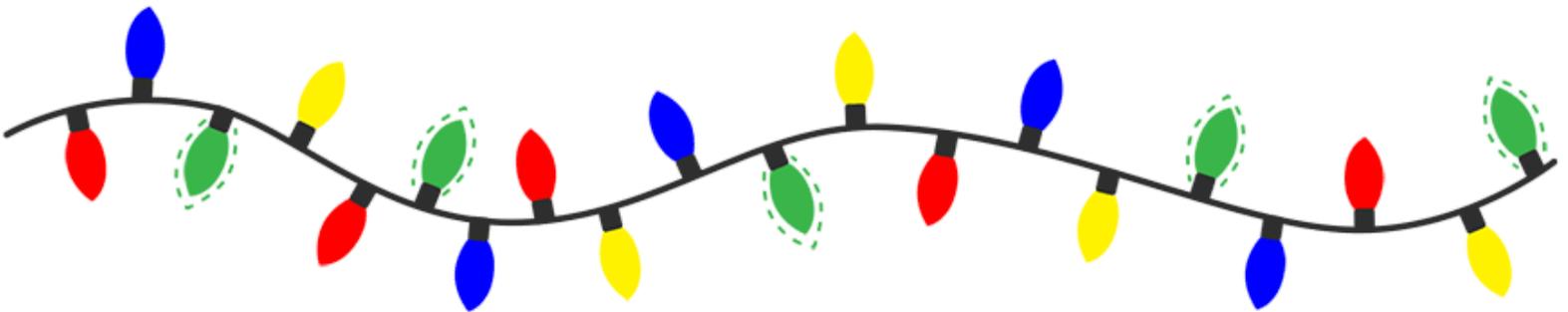
**Feeding America
Key Findings 2020**

- 38.3 million (11.8%) individuals lived in food-insecure households.
- 13.8 million (10.5%) households were food insecure.
- 5.1 million (3.9%) households had very low food security.
- 11.7 million (16.1%) children lived in food-insecure households.
- 2.8 million (6.9%) households with seniors (age 65 and older) were food insecure.
- 1.3 million (8.3%) households with seniors (age 65 and older) living alone were food insecure.

Don't forget to submit your monthly stats!

Happy Holidays!

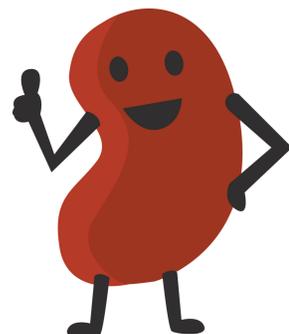
The Food Bank office and warehouse will be **closed**
December 24, 2021 - January 2, 2022



Beans, beans... the magical fruit!

Notice we've got a lot of beans on the menu? Beans are good sources of protein, excellent sources of fiber, and naturally fat-free, sodium-free, and cholesterol-free.

[Visit this website to learn more about how healthy beans are!](#)



Annual Usage Requirement

This is a friendly reminder that each agency must order a minimum of 3,000 lbs. or 18 orders over the course of a calendar year, whichever comes first. This requirement was implemented starting January 2021 and was evaluated in October. If you have concerns about meeting the annual usage requirement by December 31st, please let Jamie know. Thank you!



Missing Products?

If you are missing products from your order, please let us know ASAP! We can only refund products within the same month of the order. Anything that's too late is a credit adjustment and we prefer not to do that.

Thanks for understanding!



The Food Bank values our partnership with you and communication is an important part of that partnership! Please be sure to *regularly check* the inbox of the email address we have as our contact method for your agency and we will do the same for you!

Please include your agency number on checks, not invoice number!



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Office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Orders must be submitted 48 hours in advance and must be placed by 12:00 p.m. (Noon) or it will be considered "received" on the following business day (i.e. Order Monday at Noon for Wednesday).

Warehouse hours are 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Agencies may pick up orders during warehouse hours only.