

Pantry of the Month: Food 4 You Mobile Pantry



Food 4 You operates a mobile pantry out of Onawa, IA and is a much-needed resource for food in the Monona county and surrounding community. As many agencies switched to a drive-thru method of distribution during COVID, this mobile pantry has continued the drive-thru style as it is what works best for the people they serve. With an outpouring of volunteers, the **Food 4 You** mobile pantry gears up for distribution once a month, serving on average 180 households and 475 individuals. Keep up the good work, **Food 4 You** and friends!



Director's Letter

The Food Bank of Siouxland staff and I look forward to fall. Fall brings several activities which bring family and friends together. These activities include pumpkin patches, color changing trees, Thanksgiving, and trick or treating. Please know the staff is working hard on getting more items into the warehouse. The staff is experiencing delays in shipping; more dry items are on the way.



As a review, I would like to highlight a few things with dating on product. "Sell By" dating on products means the product should be to you or your guests by the date on the package. The product should be good for up to 30 days on dry item. Fresh products are a bit different. When dealing with dairy, please watch and use until bad. Some milk gallons could be good up to 10 days past the sell by date sometimes, while others last 2 days short of the sell by date. Unground beef, veal, pork, and lamb need to be used or frozen by 5 days after the date. Chicken, turkey, and ground meat products need to be cooked or frozen within a day or 2 of the sell by date.

"Best if Used By/Before" dating is the widest range of all dates. The dating speaks to the products best flavor or quality. It does not refer to safety. Most of the dry items the Food Bank distributes are best buy dates. The staff and I will distribute this type of product for up to a year past the date as we feel the quality will be fine. If there is an item past this year, please let the staff know.

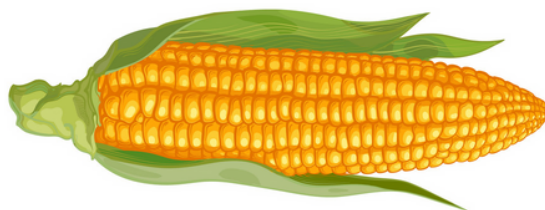
Lastly, is the "Use By" date. Use by date items has the shortest dating of any product. Though it refers to quality and not safety, the Food Bank staff recommends using these products by this date. Lots of these products are prepared items like salads (mixed lettuce, potato, macaroni, etc.) or vegetable/fruit products. If you have questions, please let the staff know.

- Jake Wanderscheid



PPE Products

We still have several cases of adults masks, kid masks, face shields, PPE Kits and hand sanitizer. This is free to agencies, just let Jamie know what you want and how much! Check this email for photos of your options.



Remember: Adults + Children = Individuals

Thanksgiving Menu

Be on the lookout for...



Turkey & Ham
Corn
Green Beans
Mashed Potatoes
Stuffing
Gravy

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!



Assorted Boxes

Assorted Frozen Boxes = 6-8 items per box
Assorted Dry Goods Boxes = 8-12 items per box

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.