

## Meet the Food Bank of Siouxland Team!



## Director's Letter

Agencies,

In 2021, the efforts of our partnership culminated in the distribution of nearly 3.3 million pounds of food. Agencies who have been a partner of The Food Bank for a while now, know that this is about 1 million more pounds of food than we generally distribute. One of the many side-effects of the COVID-19 pandemic was and remains an increased need for food. Some of you may notice yet another increase in the number of families visiting your pantries and distributions due to Iowa SNAP benefit levels returning to normal. March will serve as a "transition" month for families, allowing one last month to receive Maximum Allotment SNAP benefits. This will cost each family at minimum \$90 of food assistance a month. Visit this website for more information:

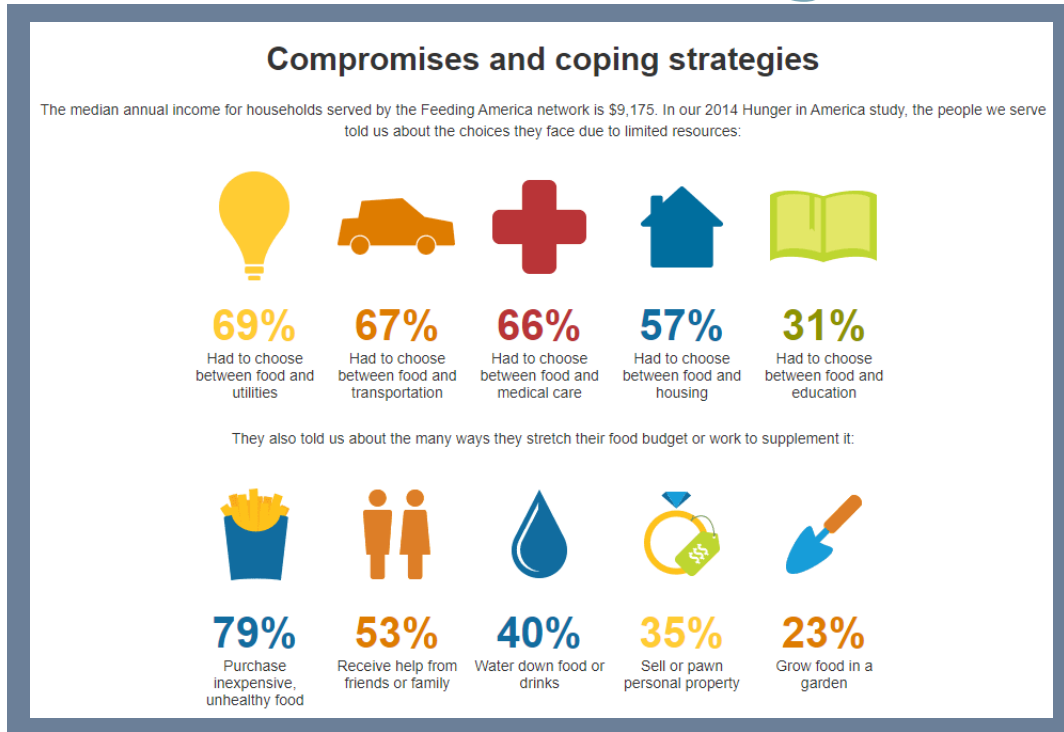
<https://dhs.iowa.gov/COVID19/FoodSecurity>

The Food Bank staff and I are here to help. Please know we have applied for grant funds to increase food in the warehouse. If you have any questions about ordering more food, serving more people or need anything at all, please do not hesitate to reach out. We value your continued partnership and our mission to lead Siouxland in the fight against hunger.

- Jacob Wanderscheid



# Effects of Hunger



**Feeding America Website on Impact of Hunger:**

<https://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/impact-of-hunger>

**2014 Hunger in America Report:**

<https://www.feedingamerica.org/sites/default/files/2020-02/hunger-in-america-2014-full-report.pdf>

## TEFAP Rules Reminder

- Pantry hours and/or meal site hours must be clearly displayed, including eligibility requirements if open to the public.
- You can ask for proof of residency for your own requirements, but this is not necessary for individuals receiving TEFAP product. Self-attesting a person lives in the appropriate state is enough. If someone doesn't live in the appropriate state, you can still serve the individual by giving them purchased and/or donated food products, just not TEFAP food products. → Why it's important to have TEFAP food separated from non-TEFAP food.
- All printed and online materials/websites/social media pages must include the full USDA non-discrimination statement or the shortened version of, "This institution is an equal opportunity provider."
- Again, TEFAP food needs to be stored separately from non-TEFAP food.

**TEFAP FORMS:**

- TEFAP forms must be kept for 3 years + the current year. Temperature logs and pest control logs must be maintained and we suggest keeping these logs for 1 year.
- You can use the back of the TEFAP form as your sign-in sheet if you'd like to, or you can have your own "sign in" sheet. If the latter, those also need to be kept for 3 years + the current year.
- Individuals need to sign the front of the TEFAP form once a year and it's against the rules to ask individuals to sign more than once per year.



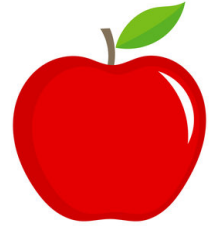
# Where does our food come from?

## Donated food and non-food items

(retail stores, local companies, food drives, individuals)

## USDA/TEFAP commodities

## Purchased food and non-food items



## PRODUCT EXPIRATION DATES

If stored properly, products are generally good for 1 year past the best-by-date.

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

## ORDERING



Orders must be **250 pounds minimum** for **delivery**.

Orders must be placed within **48 business hours** (by noon) of the time you'd like your order picked up/delivered.



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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).  
Orders must be submitted within 1 month after the date the order is started.

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