



The Emergency Food Assistance Program

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

TEFAP is a federal nutrition program that is the cornerstone of the Feeding America network's food supply. Through the program, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) purchases healthy foods—fruits, vegetables, and other staples—from U.S. growers and producers. The Feeding America network then partners with states to connect families and individuals in need with the food.

USDA foods are a critical part of how food banks provide assistance to the people we serve.

Last year, Feeding America food banks distributed 1.7 billion meals from USDA.

TEFAP funding for food purchases is established by the Farm Bill every 5 years and in emergencies through other legislation.

USDA makes food purchases to support U.S. growers and producers, and the purchased food is distributed through TEFAP and other USDA Food Distribution programs each year. The purchases provide a win-win for food banks, farmers, and our neighbors in need.

TEFAP offers more than 120 nutritious foods,



including fruits and vegetables, eggs, meat, poultry, fish, nuts, milk and cheese, and whole-grain and enriched grain products, including rice, cereal, and pasta.

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TEFAP moves food from farms to food banks to families facing hunger.



TEFAP provides nearly

20%

of the food distributed through our food bank network and local hunger-relief agencies.



FEEDING AMERICA CALLS ON LAWMAKERS TO

Make additional investments in the federal nutrition programs in the next federal COVID-19 relief stimulus package, including additional funding for food purchases through TEFAP:

This will help food banks meet the increase in demand for food assistance.

Provide funding for food banks to offset the cost of the storage and distribution of USDA foods:

This will help food banks have more funding to provide more support for those who aren't sure where their next meal will come from.



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Feeding America is a nationwide network of food banks that feeds more than 40 million people through food pantries and meal programs in communities across America and leads the nation in the fight against hunger.

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