

# Agency Scoop

August 2023



## MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

- Aug 2      Rugby
- Aug 8      Dodge, Mandaree, New Town
- Aug 9      Four Bears, Plaza
- Aug 15     Hankinson, Wahpeton
- Aug 16     Carrington, Linton, Steele
- Aug 22     Underwood, Wilton
- Aug 23     Williston
- Aug 24     Trenton, Grenora
- Aug 30     Napoleon, Wishek, Edgeley, Oakes
- Aug 31     Parshall, White Shield

[View Upcoming Mobile Stop Details Here](#)



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# Upcoming Events

## Agency Partner Conversation



*When: August 8th, 2023,  
2:30-3:30PM CST*

*Where: Virtual, link sent to email*

*What: GPFB FY24 Food Outlook*

*Join us on August 8th for a discussion about the GPFB FY24 Food Outlook. Guest Speaker Kate Molbert, COO, will be joining the Programs and Agency Services Team for this discussion.*

Meeting will be virtual via Microsoft Teams and will be recorded. Please check your email for the meeting link or contact your RSM.

FFEN Essentials presents:

### IMPROVING FOOD ACCESS THROUGH VISIT FREQUENCY

**Join Us!**

**August 15th**

**11am-12:30pm**

An opportunity for food shelf leaders and volunteers to connect with and learn from each other.

Hear directly from four food shelf leaders as they share more about their approaches, challenges, and evaluation to increase visit frequency. The online session will include time for Q&A and broader discussion. It will also be recorded for further sharing.



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Agency Enabled Retail Rescue Pick-ups

Any Agency Partner who participates in Agency Enabled Retail Rescue program and picks up a food donation from a local retail store MUST report their receipted pounds the same month as their pick-up. To help us keep accurate record of the pounds of food being rescued during pick-ups, please remember to submit your receipts on a weekly basis so it is not a chore to do at the end of the month. Our Food Resource Managers thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

## Order Reminders

- Agency partners are allowed to place two orders during their monthly order timeframe.
- The order window for your area starts on Fridays at Midnight (12AM) through Wednesdays at 11:59PM.
- All orders placed outside your designated order timeframe will be deleted.
- **[You can view the 2023 Order and Delivery Calendar on the PARC here.](#)**

## New Delivery Fee

The delivery fee of \$.07/lb. has increased to \$.10/lb. effective July 2023. This fee will take affect July 31st for Area 1 Deliveries and beyond. The fee schedule is updated in the Agency Partner Handbook.



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## Cultural Foods

Over the last year the Ending Hunger 2.0 team has held focus groups and surveys with the New American, Foreign Born and Immigrant communities to learn more about their food preferences. From these focus groups, we have created food lists for different communities (Somalian, Afghan, Kurdish, South Sudanese, Liberian, Hispanic, Bhutanese, and Congolese). Starting this fall you will start to see products on the order sheet that are referred to and labeled as Cultural Foods. These are for pantries/ meal sites that are serving our New American, Foreign Born and Immigrant communities.

Please be mindful when adding to your cart- if you are not serving these communities please do not take these products. There will also be limits on these items so that more partners can access them. We would love your feedback about the products.

An example is: if there is Halal Goat Meat, this is specific to the Muslim community, they cannot eat other types of meat if it is not Halal. So unless you are serving Muslim community members please do not take to give to the general public as they can eat other types of meat.

If you have any questions please reach out to Zoe Absey at [zabsey@greatplainsfoodbank.org](mailto:zabsey@greatplainsfoodbank.org)



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# Product HIGHLIGHTS

#71322 - ND USDA Fresh Nectarines -- 12/2# bags

#64425 - ND USDA Plums -- 28# bulk

#25252 - ND USDA Pistachio in Shell -- 25/1# bags

#99173 - LFPA 1% Milk -- 9/5 gallons per case (ND sites only)

#16123 - ND USDA Catfish -- 20/2# bags per case

#59722 - MN USDA Frozen Strawberries -- 12/2.5#

#32124 - MN USDA Hazelnuts -- 24/16oz bags

#12927 - MN USDA Dried Cherries -- 8/2lb. pkgs

#63809 - MN USDA Mixed Vegetables -- 12/15oz cans

#07465 - MN USDA Canned Pork -- 24/24oz cans

#11204 - MN USDA Peanut Butter -- 12/16oz jars



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# Food Safety TRAINING

Great Plains Food Bank is committed to offering our agency partners the opportunity to quality food safety training. The ServSafe Food Handler instructional video can be used by agency partners to update their biennial food safety certification, refresh their food safety knowledge and train new volunteers. A new code will be available to our agency partners to access the online video, as needed.

Due to copyright laws, the video access code will not be posted on the PARC. New codes will be published in the monthly newsletter or reach out to your RSM for video code access.

To access ServSafe Food Handler® Guide for Food Banking Video:

Go to the [Food Bank Online Companion Instructional Video Homepage](#)

Use this email: [programs@greatplainsfoodbank.org](mailto:programs@greatplainsfoodbank.org)

New Video Code: **5651-8735-125s-15e9**

Online video code will expire 30 days after it is initially launched. Please contact your RSM if you have issues accessing the training.



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