



GREAT PLAINS
FOOD BANK

Agency Scoop

November 2023



Winter, winter, go away...

It seems winter weather has arrived early. It won't be long before the snow is here to stay. Winter weather, sub-zero temperatures, truck fleet maintenance and changes in staffing are all factors we work around to get you your order each month. We ask for your patience during the winter season if delivery schedules do not go according to plan. GPFB staff will communicate with you as soon as possible, if delivery schedules change, so you can plan accordingly. Likewise, to make your delivery drop go smoothly, please be mindful snow is cleared by your delivery location. If you would like to confirm your delivery the day of, please work with your RSM to confirm so you don't have to drive or reschedule your day. As always, the Programs and Agency services team is here to assist you with anything that you need. **Thank you** for your partnership and service to provide food assistance out to our neighbors in less-than-ideal winter weather conditions!

NOVEMBER MOBILE FOOD PANTRY STOPS

Please remember to add your mobile food pantry statistics when submitting for your food pantry at the end of the month!

[View Upcoming Mobile Stop Details Here](#)

**November 1 & 2 | Dodge, Mandaree, New Town,
Four Bears, Plaza**

November 8 & 9 | Williston, Trenton, Grenora

November 9 | Hankinson, Wahpeton

November 15 | Underwood, Wilton

November 28 | Parshall, White Shield

November 29 | Napoleon, Wishek, Edgeley, Oakes



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Product HIGHLIGHTS

#81122 - Disinfectant Wipes

#33059 - Dermafoam Hand Sanitizer

#71885 - Non-Alcoholic Ginger Beer

#39991 - Creative Roots Coconut Watermelon Water

#81762 - Paprika - \$7.76/case

#41508 - Sparkling Water (glass bottle)

ND and MN USDA product will vary each month. Agencies that are TEFAP approved have access to these items. If you do not currently receive USDA product, inquire with Nicole or Kayla about how you can!

*Your location must be open to the public.

Reminder that LFPA product is available to all North Dakota pantries at zero cost and can be found intermittently on the order sheet.



GPFB PROGRAMS

SNAP - also known as food stamps or EBT...

is a program that helps people with grocery expenses. However, SNAP has greater benefits than just providing food to our hungry neighbors. It lifts people out of poverty, increases high school graduation rates, and improves health outcomes across the board.

Nationwide, North Dakota ranks second from last regarding eligible households that are enrolled in the program. This is why we have a **SNAP Outreach Team** – to increase that number and, as a result, increase the other positive outcomes for our communities. When we connect with neighbors, we are also able to connect them with other helpful resources, both short-term and long-term.

One of the short-term resources we offer is specifically for people living in rural North Dakota. After completing an application, they are offered free delivery of “SNAP Boxes” – this includes 2 boxes of food over the course of a month that are shipped right to their door. Considering all of these benefits, it’s important that we reach as many people as possible across the state. Our team is always happy to discuss the many opportunities our partner agencies have to help our neighbors in this way.

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Agency Enabled Retail Rescue

is a program we are able to implement through the Carghill Capacity Building Grant. This grant is intended to increase frequency at high-yield retail locations which increases perishable product donations, add new stores and/or partners for stronger equitable access in current underserved rural communities, and provide infrastructure such as food safety equipment and technology for agency use.

To be eligible to receive the equipment such as a new refrigerator, you must participate in agency enabled retail rescue by either adding a new location or strengthening the pickups you already complete.

This grant has allowed us to start relationships with many new food donors and further strengthen the established relationships within our charitable feeding network.

Agency Partner Experience:

Freedom Church Cares shared they have seen a 27% increase of access over the last year. The fridge and freezer provided with the Carghill Grant has allowed them to do more pickups at locations they would not have been able to do before. They have also been able to increase their ordering capacity of fridge/freezer products each month with the extra storage.

Lincoln Community Cupboard reflected on how the additional freezer has helped their neighbors maintain a sense of normalcy as though they are shopping at a grocery store. This diminishes the feeling of guilt or shame some may feel utilizing food pantry services. Along with the impact to neighbors, Lincoln Community Cupboard has the ability to increase ordering and pick-up capacity to serve more in their community.



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