

Food Sourcing Overview

Partner Agency Convenings 2024



- **Food Sources (Fiscal year-to-date 2024)**

- Donated: 6.8M pounds (*58% of total*)
- Government (TEFAP, CSFP, etc.): 2.6M pounds (*22% of total*)
- Purchased: 1.5M pounds (*12% of total*)
- Produce (purchased and donated): 800K pounds (*7% of total*)

- **Sourcing Programs**

- The United States Department of Agriculture, (USDA) provides federal funding and food for TEFAP. **TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program)** is a federal program that helps supplement diets of low-income people by providing them with emergency food assistance at no cost. The USDA provides only American grown foods and administrative funding to states who operate TEFAP.
 - GPFB distributes TEFAP food in both ND and Clay County, MN to eligible partner agencies and through mobile distributions.
 - The USDA / states determine what types and timing of food availability.
 - TEFAP foods are only distributed to eligible partners, which are determined by state level entities.
 - TEFAP foods are available on the order sheet for eligible partners.
- **LFPA:** Also known as the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program, uses American Rescue Plan (ARP) and Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funding for state, tribal, and territorial governments to purchase foods produced or grown within the state. This funding's purpose is to maintain and improve the local agricultural supply chain resiliency while meeting the local population's needs.
 - GPFB has received two rounds of LFPA funding. LFPA products are available on the order sheet at no cost for all ND agencies.
- **Purchased Product:** GPFB purchases products on a continual basis to ensure that a full variety of products are available on our order sheet at all times. The sourcing team focuses on finding the best quality for the best value in each product they purchase. Currently, purchased products are available for all agencies on the order sheet for 70% of the cost that GPFB paid.
- **Donated Product:** GPFB partners with hundreds of food industry members to recover food that would otherwise go to waste. Our sourcing team builds relationships with growers, manufacturers, retailers, and other sources to receive donated products for distribution to our partner network. Donated product is available on the order sheet for all partners. Product often includes a minimal cost per pound to cover costs related to shipping/handling and repacking.

- **Produce:** GPFB sources produce, both purchased and donated, to ensure there is a variety of fresh produce available on the order sheet at all times for all agencies at no cost. Availability and variety vary based on seasonality.

- **Agency Enabled Retail Rescue (AERR)**
 - Agencies can be enabled to conduct pick-up at local retailers, gas stations, grocery stores, restaurants, hospitals, distribution centers etc. in their local area at a cadence that works for them.
 - GPFB will partner with the agency to train, manage/build donors, and provide necessary equipment (scales, coolers, etc.) as available.
 - The agency must pick-up at a designated day/time/cadence. Pickup must include visual inspection of product and temperature control. Receipts must be entered into PWW weekly.
 - Agency Enabled Retail Rescue allows for agencies to have access to fresh or frozen product at a greater cadence than monthly GPFB deliveries.
 - Product is often near end of life and must be distributed quickly in most cases.
 - Let your RSM know if you are interesting in getting involved in AERR.

- **Agency Shopping**
 - Agency shopping is available in Fargo and Bismarck by appointment only.
 - Agencies are able to shop items that are not entered onto order sheet due to limited quantity or short lifespan.
 - Let your RSM know if you are interested in getting involved in AERR.