



**GREAT PLAINS
FOOD BANK**

Food Recovery

We Partner with the Food Industry to Rescue Food Across All Points of the Supply Chain



Farmers



**Protein and Dairy
Processors**



**Manufacturers
Distributors**



**Retail
Grocers**



**Foodservice
Convenience Stores
and other small
format Businesses**

Retail Donations

The Opportunity:

- Primary source of highly perishable items such as milk, protein and fresh produce
- Feeding America helps food banks secure food from local branches of top national and local retailers
- Agency enabled pick ups lead to greater efficiencies and quicker distribution of highly perishable product



HISTORY

- 2 problems – Food Waste & Hunger
- 1992 - Great Plains Food Bank (GPFB) food recovery in Fargo-Moorhead area begins
- Late 1990s - Feeding America (FA) members started working with retail grocery companies to recover products that were identified as not marketable, but still useable and safe
- 2010 - FA began the National Retail Donor program

TODAY

- GPFB Retail Rescue in Fargo/Moorhead & Bismarck/Mandan areas
- Agencies are enabled to conduct pick-ups throughout the state known as Agency Enabled Retail Rescue (AERR)
- Donors - grocery stores, food service restaurants, convenience stores, schools, hospitals, long term care, and distribution centers

RELATIONSHIPS



FEEDING AMERICA

- Provide guidelines and best practices for the retail food rescue program
- Maintain donor relationships on a national/corporate level

GPFB- Food Resource Staff

- Train, monitor, and support the partner enabled pick ups
- Manage the relationship with the donor on a local/store level
- Oversee the receipts from the partner and report to FA
- Address any partner or donors issues or concerns

Partner Agency

- Pick up product on behalf of GPFB/FA at the designated date & time
- Visual inspection at receiving point
- Take temperatures at receiving and delivery points
- Provide proper transportation and storage, including use of temperature controlled equipment
- Weigh and receipt the product by category
- Report receipts in PWW weekly
- Complete secondary distribution log, as applicable
- Share any issues or concerns with GPFB as soon as possible

DONOR

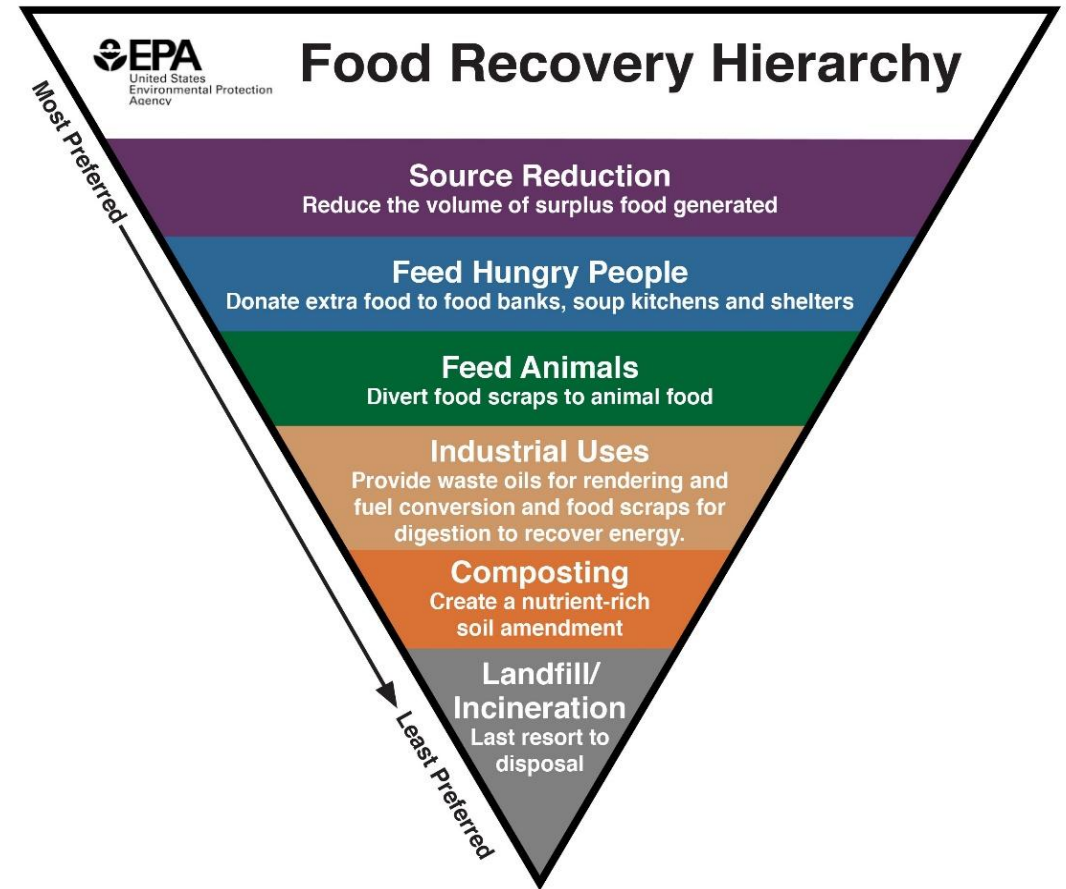
- Follow food safety and donation guidelines
- Ensure donation items are ready at agreed upon pick up time
- Place donation items in agreed upon boxes and locations
- Share any issues or concerns with GPFB as soon as possible

FOOD SAFETY

- Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Act
 - Provides protection from potential liability if someone becomes ill from eating distributed food, if acting 'in good faith'
 - **In good faith** requires meeting standard food safety practices
- Certification (Serv Safe)
 - All individuals involved in Agency enabled retail rescue must have food safety certification
 - Reach out to your regional service manager for details

RETAIL RESCUE PRODUCT

- Supplemental product for partners
- Types of product donated can change frequently
- Required to take all donations if it is food safe
- Sharing product with other GPFB partners



Manufacturing Donations

The Opportunity:

- Largest source of nonperishable food donations; however, donations are decreasing
- Important source of foods such as peanut butter, pasta and canned fruits and vegetables
- Least expensive food to source and distribute



Produce Donations

The Opportunity:

- Produce is the largest untapped source of food
- pounds of fruits and vegetables are discarded on farms or left unharvested in fields and could be provided to people facing hunger.

