



Food Bank of East Alabama
~BANK NOTES~
MAY 2024



Monetary Donations from Recipients

The Food Bank is a fierce steward of the donations which come our way, and we feel a compelling responsibility to ensure that donated foods are used in the manner intended.

Within the contract signed by member agencies of the Food Bank, it states that agencies agree to the following criteria:

- Must not sell, transfer, barter or offer for sale the items supplied by the Food Bank of East Alabama in exchange for money, property, or services
- Must not solicit contributions from food recipients nor charge recipients a membership fee

FOOD BANK FOOD MUST BE GIVEN TO THE NEEDY WITH ABSOLUTELY NO STRINGS ATTACHED.

Please note the following:

- The people who get food from our agencies must not be made to feel, in any way, that they must pay anything at all in order to receive the food.
- Agencies cannot tell the recipient what he/she “owes” for the food.
- The agency or church must cover the cost of acquiring the food through their organization’s budget and not pass this cost on to the people who receive the food.
- Money and food cannot change hands.

Food banks rely on donations from companies and individuals who intend the food to be given to the needy without any charge. Member agencies are allowed to participate in the Food Bank as a privilege granted at the discretion of the Food Bank of East Alabama. The sole purpose of the Food Bank is to feed the *needy* of our community and the partnership between the Food Bank and our member agencies is key to achieving this goal. We reserve the right to conduct on-site visits with an agency whenever we have been alerted to a possible problem regarding the integrity of our partnership.



We want to hear from you!

Your feedback is important to us.

We would like to get some feedback from our agency partners. Because we have a limited purchasing budget, we are looking for items that are most needed by our agency partners.

Last month the Food Bank emailed a brief survey to our agencies. If you have not responded, please do so! The survey only takes a few minutes to complete and your response will help us know how to serve you better.

Many of our agencies have expressed a need for more meat and poultry for their program and the Food Bank continues to look for sources for this product. Recently we found a source for Tyson chicken through the Heart of Alabama Food Bank in Montgomery. This is chicken that has been processed at the plant, cut into pieces, bagged, cased, and frozen. Since there is significant cost in transportation and processing in Montgomery, this product is offered to our Food Bank at 39 cents per pound and is available to agencies at cost. Here are the details:



- 8 pieces of cut-up chicken per bag
- 5 bags per case
- Case weight is 42 pounds
- Total cost per case is \$16.38

While this is more than the usual 18 cents per pound, it is significantly less than poultry available at retail stores (ranging from 79 cents to \$1.10 at the grocery store).

Join the Largest Single-Day Food Drive to Help Stamp Out Hunger

High Rates of Food-Insecurity Call for Much Needed Community Support

The Food Bank of East Alabama is asking for the community's support on May 11th as it joins America's letter carriers and Feeding America in the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive. You can help get the word out through social media, church newsletters, and church bulletins as well as encouraging your family and friends to support this drive.



It's simple to participate:

- ⇒ Simply place bags filled with nonperishable food items like canned meats, soup, juice, pasta, canned vegetables, rice, and cereal next to your mailbox on **Saturday, May 11th**, before your letter carrier arrives.
- ⇒ Your letter carrier will pick up the bags and deliver them to the Food Bank.

This drive has a huge impact on the Food Bank's ability to support our member agencies. Did you know that nearly half of the Food Bank's member agencies rely on the Food Bank for 90-100% of their food supply? When we ask the community to support this drive, we're not asking solely for the Food Bank—we're advocating on behalf of all our member agencies.

Partner Agency Spotlight

Auburn Wesley Foundation Loachapoka Food Pantry

The Loachapoka Food Pantry is a student-run feeding program through the Auburn Wesley Foundation. The food pantry began in 2013 and is now under the direction of Rev. Tony Peck, Director and Campus Minister, who supports the feeding program while providing an opportunity for students to strengthen their relationships with God and each other in love, acceptance, sacrifice, and service.

Ella Haywood, Co-Chair of the Loachapoka Food Pantry, mentioned how rewarding it is when she and the volunteers are able to talk and connect with the families. She explains, "We are all people, work with each other, and provide a welcoming space to come together." Her life has been shaped by 1 Corinthians 10:31, "...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

In 2021, their only freezer went out, and they have been operating their program without one since. If you are aware of a freezer in good working condition, or would like more information about their feeding program, please contact Ella Haywood at missions@auwesley.org. Additional information can be found on Auburn Wesley Foundation's website at <https://auwesley.org>.



If you would like to be part of our Partner Agency Spotlight series, please email us at:
foodbank@foodbankofeastalabama.com



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19	20	21 Agency Shopper Orientation @ 8:45 am	22	23	24	25
26	27 [CLOSED] 	28	29	30	31 [CLOSED] 	

Agencies Spend Less & Feed More at the Food Bank

March 2024

Number of Agencies Shopping:	126
Pounds Distributed:	457,596
Retail Value per FA (\$1.92 per lb.):	\$878,584
Food Bank SMF:	\$25,803
Savings to FBEA Agencies:	\$852,781



New products!



214912	USDA Pollock fish sticks	20 x 2 lbs.	Z	44.00	7.92
214822	USDA Tomatoes, diced, canned	24 x 14.5 oz.	D	25.00	4.50
214995	Fruit, canned	Assorted	D	26.00	4.68
214914	Chicken, uncooked 8-pc	8 x 5 lbs.	Z	42.00	16.38
214826	USDA Pistachios in-shell	25 x 1 lb.	D	25.00	4.50
215094	Oil, vegetable	1 gallon	D	8.00	1.44
215158	Pasta, assorted	Assorted	D	17.00	3.06
215002	Beans, canned	Assorted	D	26.00	4.68

Civil Rights Assurance

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, no person shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied, or otherwise subject to discrimination under this program.