Food Bank of East Alabama



Bank Notes





STATEMENT ON CUTS IN THE FEDERAL BUDGETS

With the recent signing of the budget reconciliation bill, the U.S. government has passed once in a generation cuts to SNAP and Medicaid. This decision is heartbreaking, and deeply concerning for the communities we serve.

These programs are lifelines for families, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities in our community. These programs are incredibly effective at fighting hunger, while driving millions of dollars in local economic impact each year.

As these cuts come into effect over the next several years, neighbors who are already doing everything they can to make ends meet will lose access to **at least 6 billion meals**, as well as essential medical care. To put that in perspective, our entire nationwide network of food banks and their partners across the United States provide 6 billion meals a year.

While some of the most devastating cuts to SNAP and Medicaid will not be felt until 2027 or later, others will begin to impact our community in the next few months. We anticipate that we will see the highest demand for food than we've seen before. The challenge ahead of all of us is real.

We continue to work closely with Feeding America, Feeding Alabama (the Alabama Food Bank network) and our local elected representatives to find ways to support the neighbors who will be impacted by this bill, and to advocate for the resources we need to continue providing nutritious food to our neighbors in need.

Though the situation is daunting, our Food Bank firmly believes that **everyone has a right to food** and that a hunger-free future is possible. We remain committed to ending hunger in our community, and ensuring that everyone in our community can rely on the Food Bank and our network of agencies to be there for them when they need it most.

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Agencies Stretch Their Money at the Food Bank June 2025



| Number of Agencies Shopping | 111 |
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| Pounds Distributed | |
| Retail Value per FA (\$1.93 per lb) | |
| Food Bank SMF Cost | |
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Barbara Beck will be contacting the following agencies to set up an appointment for a monitor visit:

- Bison Food Pantry SUSCC
- Bowen East District Ministerial Div
- Calvary Assembly of God
- Church on the Rock
- Esperanza House
- Holy Life Ministries
- Lee Russell Council of Governments
- Loachapoka Family Educators
- Randolph County FAAPA
- Redeeming Grace Ministries
- Rehope Baptist Church
- Valley First Assembly of God

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