



Food Bank of East Alabama

October 2021—Bank Notes

When someone is seeking urgent food assistance, chances are they won't meet someone from the Food Bank. Instead they'll see one of our agency volunteers serving meals at the soup kitchen. Or an agency representative directing traffic in the parking lot as families drive through the parking lot to get a food box. Or they will talk with a friendly helper at a food pantry who is trying to make sure that people at the food pantry have what their family needs.

Ask anyone at the Food Bank and they will tell you our more than 225 partner agencies are so critical to our work. Many of these agencies rely on the Food Bank as their primary source of food, so you are more likely to see our trucks on the road making deliveries. You might spot a driver in a grocery store picking up donations. But our agencies are on the ground in our seven county service area, ensuring that people in our communities have food, usually with an all-volunteer workforce. And they go above and beyond—making deliveries to homebound seniors, providing special food boxes for people with health conditions, connecting clients with other community resources, or having birthday kits on hand for parents who want to provide their child a cake. And when the COVID 19 pandemic began, our partner agencies did not back down from the challenge but stepped up in a big way.

The Food Bank is working hard to be the best resource to our partner agencies that we can be, so that together we are nourishing more people and building more resilient communities. But we know that helping people through recovery is a marathon and not a sprint. What does that mean exactly? For those of you who have run a marathon, you know this will be hard. It will hurt. Roadblocks are inevitable. Being prepared is important and a plan is critical. And we know that our work is only possible because of you!

Due to COVID-19 precautions you will be contacted to set-up a date for your next monitor visit. When you are contacted, please email or call to schedule a time to meet. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Barbara at bbeck@foodbankofeastalabama.com or 334.821.9006.



Food Fight
Largest Food Drive on the Year Kicks Off

October 1, - November 18th



Regardless of whether we prefer the colors orange & blue....or crimson & white, all of us at the Food Bank are enthusiastically supporting Auburn in the annual “Beat ‘Bama Food Drive.” This is our largest food drive of the year, and we have high hopes that it will increase the available inventory for our agencies during the holiday season and beyond.

What do you do if you did not receive an item on your invoice...or you received the wrong item...or the product you received is bad?

Who are you going to call? Earl, the Warehouse Manager

When are you going to call? For missing or incorrect product, call immediately when you return to your agency and are checking off the product as you put it away. For bad product, contact us immediately so that we can evaluate the remaining product, issue a credit to your agency if appropriate.

FOOD SAFETY AND PRODUCT RECALLS

Important notice to all agencies

If you pay attention to the news, you have no doubt regularly seen information about a product that is being recalled for safety purposes. The Food Bank has a plan to keep our agencies informed of these product recalls and we have a plan of action to notify our agencies.

This is what happens when we receive notice of a recall:

- We check our inventory to see if we received any of the product.
- If it is confirmed that this product was distributed or if there is a high probability that it was distributed in our service area, we contact agencies by email, fax or phone.
- When contacted, agencies need to check to see if they have any of the product and will be told by the Food Bank what to do with the product (either destroy it or return it to the Food Bank.)

It is important that each agency keep Barbara Beck, our Agency Coordinator, informed of any changes in contact information for recall. Each agency must have at least one contact person that can be reached by email, fax, or phone.

Product Recalls

Guidelines for Agencies

The Food Bank of East Alabama receives recall notices from USDA, FSIS, and FDA through the Montgomery Area Food Bank and our national office regarding Food Industry recalls nationwide.

The table below is provided as a guide to supplement the Food Bank of East Alabama Product Recall policy. Recalls are divided into the four categories below with corresponding actions.

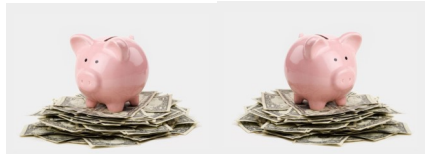
Recall Category	The risk is	Action to be Taken
I	<p>Certain. Recall product is confirmed as having been received by and distributed to the Food Bank of East Alabama.</p>	<p>All Agencies contacted via e-mail within one business day. Agencies that received product from Inventory (not through Market Place) will be contacted via phone call also. Agencies discover how much product is on hand and contact the Food Bank of East Alabama. Agency will either destroy product locally or return recall product to the Food Bank of East Alabama depending on what that particular product recall notice calls for. The Food Bank of East Alabama posts links on the Food Bank of East Alabama website to FDA or FSIS websites that provide product details.</p>
II	<p>High. Recall product may have been received by the Food Bank of East Alabama. Risks include:</p> <p>A significantly high quantity of recall product was mass distributed at locations in the Food Bank of East Alabama service Area.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>The product is strongly suspected as being distributed through Market Place during the timeframe that the recall product was distributed by the manufacturers.</p>	<p>All agencies contacted via e-mail within one business day. Agencies find out how much product is on hand and contact the Food Bank of East Alabama. Agency will either destroy product locally or return recall product to the Food Bank of East Alabama depending on what that particular product recall notice calls for. Links to FDA or FSIS website containing product details will be posted on the Food Bank of East Alabama website.</p>
III	<p>Marginal. There is a slight chance that recall products were received by the Food Bank of East Alabama.</p> <p>Product was not on the Food Bank of East Alabama foodlist or Market Place during "danger" time-frame, but, the product was distributed in Alabama.</p>	<p>Links to FDA or FSIS website containing product details will be posted on the Food Bank of East Alabama website. Agency checks the Food Bank of East Alabama website Product Recall page at least twice per week to view all CAT III recalls.</p>
IV	<p>Very Low. Remote chance that recall products were donated to the Food Bank of East Alabama.</p> <p>Product confirmed as not having been in inventory since timeframe recall product was manufactured.</p> <p>Product not distributed in Alabama.</p>	<p>Links to FDA or FSIS website containing product details will be posted on the Food Bank of East Alabama website. Agency checks the Food Bank of East Alabama website Product Recall page at least twice per week to view all CAT III recalls.</p>



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Beat 'Bama Food Drive starts today!	2
3	4	5 	6	7	8	9
10	11 Closed for Columbus Day	12	13	14	15 	16
17 	18	19 Agency Orientation 9am	20	21 	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29 Closed for inventory	30



Agencies Stretch Their Money at the Food Bank	
August 2021	
Number of Agencies Shopping.....	94
Pounds Distributed.....	403,171
Retail Value per FA (\$1.62 per lb).....	\$653,137
Food Bank SMF Cost.....	\$22,460
Savings to FBFA Agencies.....	\$630,677

KEYREC	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	PACKAGING	ST	WEIGHT	HNDL FEE
179139	Potato Salad, Loaded	6x16oz	R	8.00	0.00\$
179138	Potato Salad, Loaded	6x32oz	R	14.00	0.00\$
178754	Premie Nipple & Ring, Similac	250	D	5.00	0.00\$
169440	USDA Orange Juice, Frozen	70x4oz	Z	21.00	0.00\$
178546	USDA Beans, Lentils, Dry	12x2lb	D	25.00	0.00\$

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.