

# Agency Scoop

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Agency Scoop, Arkansas Foodbank Member Newsletter, is your inside scoop for exclusive dates, information and stories from Arkansas Foodbank members. Distributed monthly, this is our primary contact to distribute information that applies specifically to our members.

## PREPARING FOR A WINTER STORM



WOW! Arkansas got to experience a full week of winter wonderland. We hope you and your family stayed warm and safe. We want to share this great resource from FEMA that you can keep handy at home and/ or at your pantry. The guide includes emergency supplies, car emergency supply kit, staying safe and healthy post-storm and a winter storm checklist.

Read the full guide [here](#).

### ARKANSAS FOODBANK INCLEMENT WEATHER HOTLINE

If you are ever uncertain if the Foodbank is closed due to inclement weather you can call this number any day at any time to hear an update.

**501-569-4390**

Please feel free to contact us at 501-565-8121 if you have questions.

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Keep up the great work – and remember to send us your pantry/ agency stories.

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## SURVEY & FOOD CREDIT AWARD

### 2021 FOOD PANTRY SURVEY!

Our nutrition team is interested in how clients select food items at your pantry.

By participating in this survey and a possible follow-up phone call, you will help us learn more about your pantry. As a thank you for participating:

**Your pantry will be entered into a random drawing to receive a \$150 account credit to the Arkansas Food Bank. 50 pantries will be selected.**

Survey will close on March 15th, with winners notified by March 31st.

### Interested in participating?

Visit the online survey [here](#):

[https://ucachbs.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9ypxHnylO3shifP](https://ucachbs.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9ypxHnylO3shifP)

This project is a joint effort between the University of Central Arkansas and the Arkansas Foodbank. For more information contact Lauren Allbritton at 501-569-4327.



## Retail Agencies: Friendly Reminder

When you submit your reports on the Google form, please remember that when entering retail pick-up weights the correct format to do so is using numeric characters only and rounding to the nearest whole number. For example if something weighs “3.8 lbs”, please enter its value as “4” omitting the decimal point and the alphabetic characters. The use of special characters and letters prevents the formulas that we use from functioning properly. Thank you for your assistance.

**WHAT YOUR AGENCY RECEIVED FOR PRODUCE**

3.8 pounds

**WHAT YOU REPORT UNDER PRODUCE**

4 pounds

## In The News

Arkansas Foodbank is excited to partner with Legends Resort & Casino Arkansas to provide more than 17,500 meals in Pope County. This gift will provide additional resources to seven member agencies in Pope County:

- First United Methodist Church – Russellville
- Hector Cumberland Presbyterian – Hector School
- Zion Lutheran Church
- Salvation Army, Russellville
- River Valley Food 4 Kids
- Arkansas Tech University
- Union Grove Free Will Baptist Church

[Learn more here.](#)



## SNAP (food stamps) and PANDEMIC EBT (P-EBT) Increase



As a part of the end of year COVID relief package, Congress approved to increase monthly SNAP benefits by 15%.

For the Pandemic-EBT benefits, the USDA is increasing benefits by approximately 15%, providing more money for low-income families and millions of children missing meals due to school closures (*for households to be eligible schools must be closed for 5 or more consecutive days*).

For more details visit the USDA website or click this link: [USDA receives approval to increase monthly SNAP benefits by 15%](#)

## CLIENT STORIES

Do you have an inspiring client story to share?

We love sharing these impact stories with Foodbank friends and followers to show them how their support is changing lives. They can be short and sweet! Quotes are always encouraged.

Email these to **Lea Whitlock** at [lwhitlock@arkansasfoodbank.org](mailto:lwhitlock@arkansasfoodbank.org). We would love to share on social media and tag your agency!



## We are SOCIAL

Follow Arkansas Foodbank on social media to learn about what we have going on, upcoming events and special promotions.

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