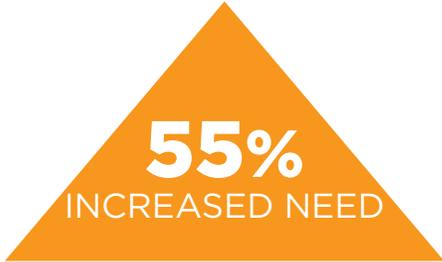




ARKANSAS FOODBANK AND ITS FOOD PANTRY PARTNERS COULD LOSE UP TO 40% OF THE FOOD THEY RECEIVE FROM THE USDA NEXT YEAR.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a cornerstone of the food supply for Arkansas Foodbank's network of TEFAP-authorized partner agencies through central and southern Arkansas.

Impact on Food Sourcing



We expect to see a continued increase in food demand due to COVID-19 and the economic downturn.

Without additional funding, we expect to lose an average of 30-40 percent of the foods we receive from USDA.



TEFAP funding for food purchases is established by the Farm Bill every 5 years.

USDA makes food purchases to support U.S. food growers and producers, and the purchased food is distributed through TEFAP and other USDA programs. The purchases provide a win-win for food banks, farmers, and neighbors in need.

What It Means For Central & Southern Arkansas

TEFAP food purchases mean a lot for our neighbors in communities across the state and Arkansas Foodbank's agency partners:

TEFAP accounts for
20%
OF TOTAL
ANNUAL FOOD
DISTRIBUTION

TEFAP provides Arkansas Foodbank's agencies more than
10 Million
POUNDS OF FOOD
8.5 Million
MEALS

TEFAP offers more than
120
NUTRITIOUS
FOOD
OPTIONS

TEFAP moves food from farms to food banks to families facing hunger.



TEFAP provides nearly **20%** of the food distributed through our food bank network and local hunger-relief agencies.



Arkansas Foodbank Calls on Lawmakers to:

Vote Yes on the Omnibus Spending Bill on March 11, which includes \$900 million in funding for food purchases through TEFAP.

This will help Arkansas Foodbank and the communities it serves meet the increased demand for food assistance.

Passing the spending bill also means that, because they have food assistance:

1 in 5 people who struggle with hunger in Arkansas



can put that money toward other basic needs, like rent, utilities, medications, or healthcare.

1 in 4

CHILDREN

that face food insecurity can focus on being successful in school instead of finding food.

Seniors don't have to choose between



heating their homes, paying for medication, or paying for food.

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