

Hunters Helping the Hungry 2015 Program Year Report

The Hunters Helping the Hungry program was created by the Nebraska Legislature in April 2012 with passage of LB 928. The program provides pure ground venison to Nebraskans in need.

Key Features of the Program:

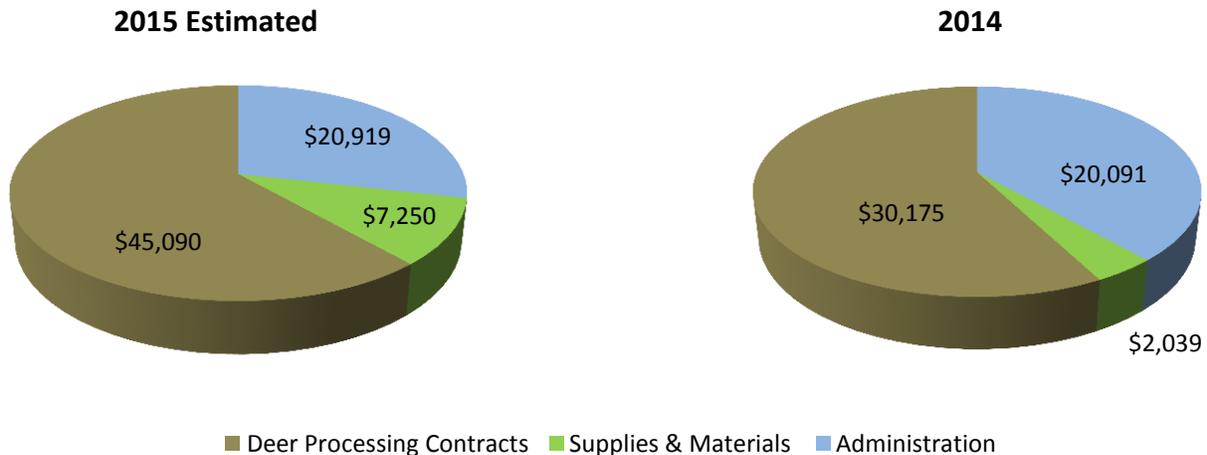
- Funded *entirely* by tax deductible donations made by hunters, businesses and individuals.
- Hunters who offer deer for donation **pay no processing fee** if it is accepted.
- Contracted processors prepare and package ground venison from donated deer.
- Charitable organizations pick up and distribute venison to Nebraskans.
- No hunters offering deer in good condition were turned away.



Taylor Beetison, from southeast Nebraska with her first deer, which she donated to the program in 2013.

Results:	2015*	2014	2013	2012
Deer donated	501	366	392	213
Pounds of venison donated	23,374	17,062	19,293	11,536
Hunters donating deer	437	324	363	188
Donations (FY: July 1 – June 30)*	\$65,380.68 (thru May 27, 2016)	\$76,600	\$63,844	\$104,441
Spent (FY: July 1 – June 30)	\$74,000	\$52,305	\$55,771	\$34,717

*Final FY expenditures will be available in July, but are not expected to exceed \$74,000.

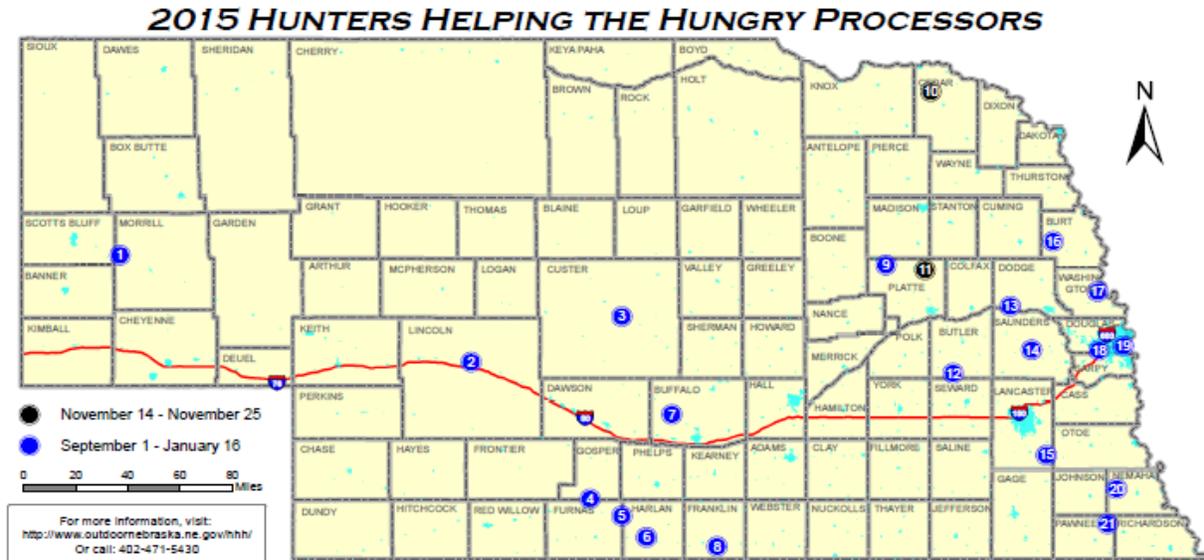


As of May 27, 2016 the program fund balance was \$95,078.93. This should allow the program to again accept all deer in good condition offered by hunters in 2016.

Changes in 2015:

- More hunters participated than in any prior year, and donated a record number of deer.
- Overall, deer donation at processor locations increased by 27% from a year ago.

Participating Processor Locations



Charities Distributing Venison	Service Areas	Pounds
Blue Valley Community Action*	Butler, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Polk, Saline, Seward, Thayer and York counties	431
Broken Bow Food Pantry	Custer county	1,590
Columbus Rescue Mission	Pantries in Columbus and York, Nebraska	717
Food Bank for the Heartland	Statewide	2,056
Food Bank of Lincoln	Butler, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Polk, Richardson, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Thayer and York counties	1,490
Francis House	Omaha, Nebraska	400
Franklin Food Pantry*	Franklin county	607
Gosper County Food Pantry*	Gosper county	1,598
Harlan County Caring Cupboard Inc.	Harlan county	600
Joseph's Coat	Washington county	120
Low Income Ministry of Dodge County*	Dodge county	832
MidNebraska Food Bank*	Adams, Arthur, Buffalo, Chase, Clay, Custer, Dawson, Dundy, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Gosper, Grant, Hall, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Hooker, Howard, Kearney, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Nuckolls, Perkins, Phelps, Red Willow, Sherman, Thomas and Webster counties	2,063
Panama Pantry part of the Food Bank for Lincoln distribution network	Panama, Nebraska	595
Phelps Food Pantry*	Phelps county	1,560
Saint John's Lutheran Church	Distributed by associated charitable organizations in Scotts Bluff county	2,097
Simon House*	Columbus, Nebraska	280
Southeast Nebraska Community Action*	Cass, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee and Richardson counties	758
North Platte Salvation Army*	Arthur, Chase, Frontier, Hayes, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson and Perkins counties	5,680

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