

# NEBRASKA

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## Hunters Helping the Hungry 2017 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.

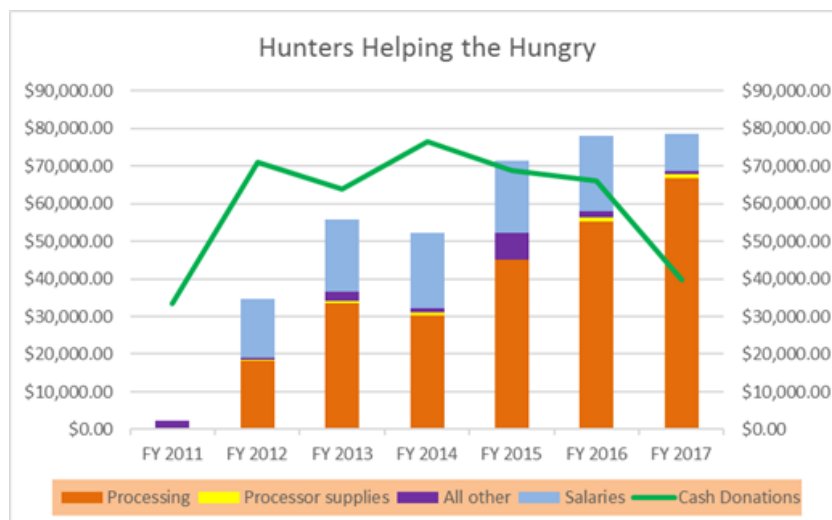
### Key Features of the Program:

- **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.

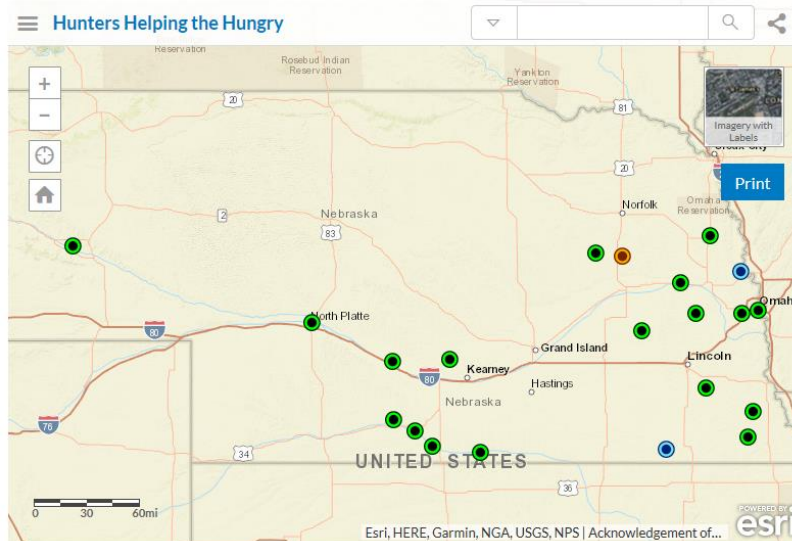
Results:	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Deer donated	734	614	501	366	392	213
Pounds of venison donated	35,476	28,575	23,374	17,062	19,293	11,536
Hunters donating deer	To Be Determined	528	437	324	363	188
Donations (FY: July 1 – June 30)	\$39,689 (thru 4/3/18)	\$66,112	\$68,884	\$76,600	\$63,844	\$104,441
Spent (FY: July 1 – June 30)	\$78,446 (thru 4/3/18)	\$77,914	\$71,477	\$52,305	\$55,771	\$34,717



## Changes in 2017:

- Contributions to fund the program dropped dramatically.
- A record number of deer were donated.
- One new processor participated in the program, and a processor from last year did not participate.
- Venison distributed increased by 24% 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	586
Columbus Rescue Mission	Pantries in Columbus and York, Nebraska	847
Cozad Emergency Action Food Pantry	Cozad, Eustis, and Farnam, Nebraska	1,212
Food Bank for the Heartland	Statewide	4,180
Food Bank of Lincoln	Butler, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Polk, Richardson, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Thayer and York counties	2,034
Francis House	Omaha, Nebraska	860
Harlan County Caring Cupboard	Harlan county	1,255
Joseph's Coat / Washington County Food Pantry**	Washington county	180
Low Income Ministry of Dodge County**	Dodge county	1,648
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	4,577
North Platte Salvation Army**	Arthur, Chase, Frontier, Hayes, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson and Perkins counties	10,628
Panama Pantry*	Panama, Nebraska	981
Phelps Food Pantry**	Phelps county	1,520
Saint John's Lutheran Church and associated charitable organizations	Scotts Bluff county	3,157
Simon House **	Columbus, Nebraska	259
Southeast Nebraska Community Action* **	Cass, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee and Richardson counties	1,552

\* Participant in the Food Bank of Lincoln distribution network

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