

# NEBRASKA

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## Hunters Helping the Hungry 2018 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.

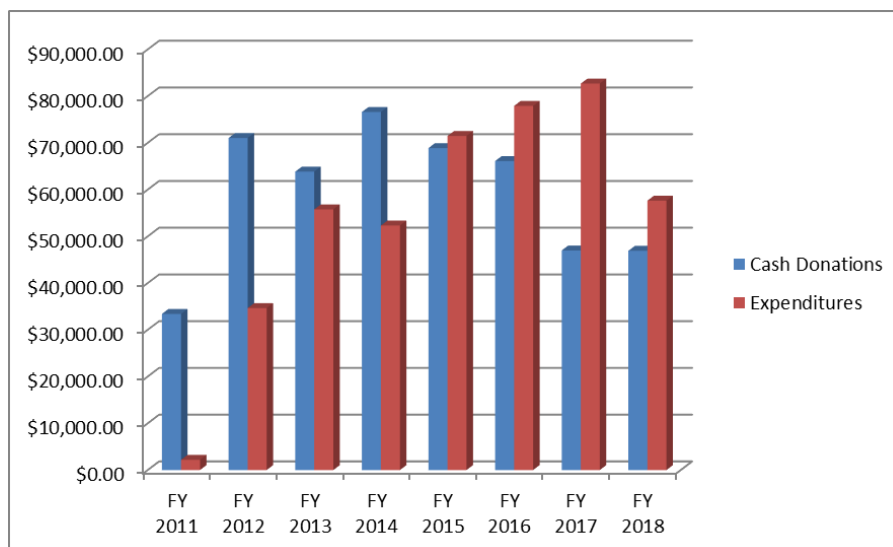
### Key Features of the Program:

- 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.



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

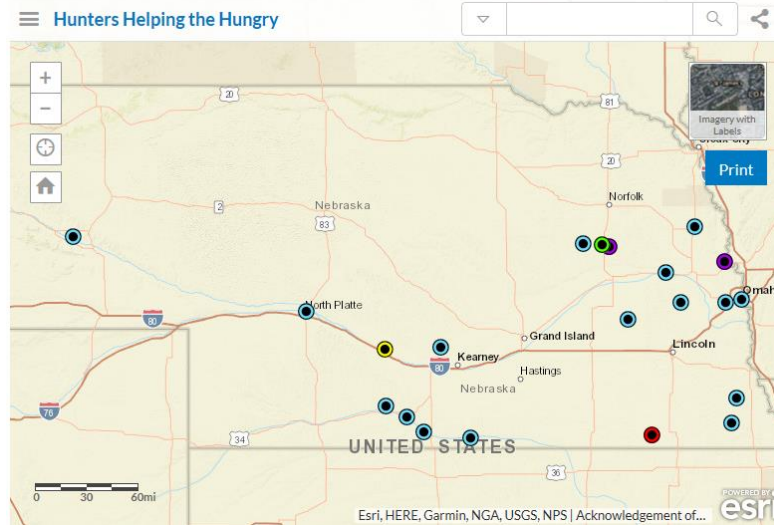
Results:	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Deer donated	572	734	614	501	366	392	213
Pounds of venison	27,952	35,476	28,575	23,374	17,062	19,293	11,536
Hunters donating deer	To Be Determined	To Be Determined	528	437	324	363	188
Donations (FY: July 1 – June 30)	\$46,903	\$46,977	\$66,112	\$68,884	\$76,600	\$63,844	\$104,441
Spent (FY: July 1 – June 30)	\$57,633	\$82,697	\$77,914	\$71,477	\$52,305	\$55,771	\$34,717



## Changes in 2018:

- Contributions to fund the program continued to decrease; processor contract quotas reduced.
- No 'unlimited' deer donation; processors reported hunters wanted to donate deer more deer.
- Number of processors unchanged, but two new in 2018 and 2 from 2017 did not participate.
- Venison distributed decreased by 21% 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	551
Columbus Rescue Mission	Pantries in Columbus and York, Nebraska	691
Cozad Emergency Action Food Pantry**	Cozad, Eustis, and Farnam, Nebraska	768
Food Bank for the Heartland	Statewide	4,873
Food Bank of Lincoln	Butler, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Polk, Richardson, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Thayer and York counties	1,722
Francis House	Omaha, Nebraska	264
Catholic Social Services**	Harlan county	831
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	3,118
North Platte Salvation Army ** and St Patrick's Church	Arthur, Chase, Frontier, Hayes, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson and Perkins counties	12,194
Simon House **		230
Phelps Food Pantry**	Phelps county	1,000
Potter's Wheel	Scotts Bluff county	799
Southeast Nebraska Community Action* **	Cass, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee and Richardson counties	911

\* Participant in the Food Bank of Lincoln distribution network

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