

# NEBRASKA

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## Hunters Helping the Hungry 2019 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.

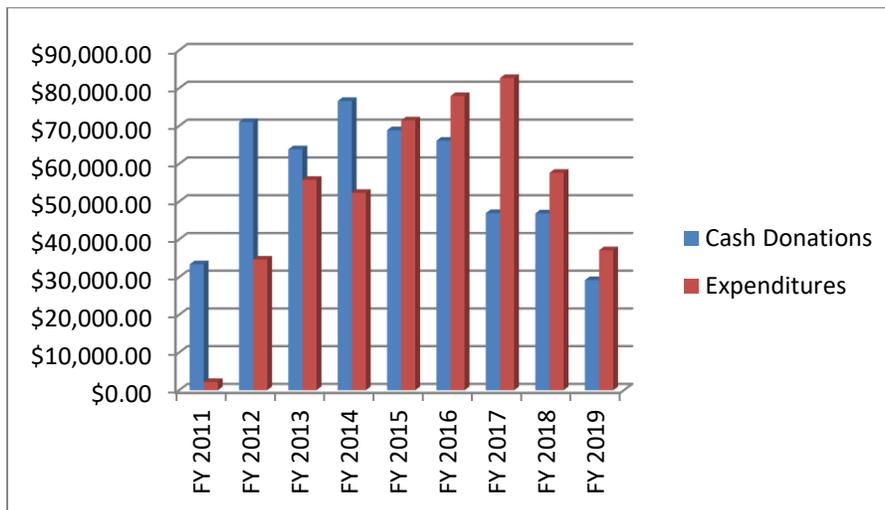
### Key Features of the Program:

- 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 in need.



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

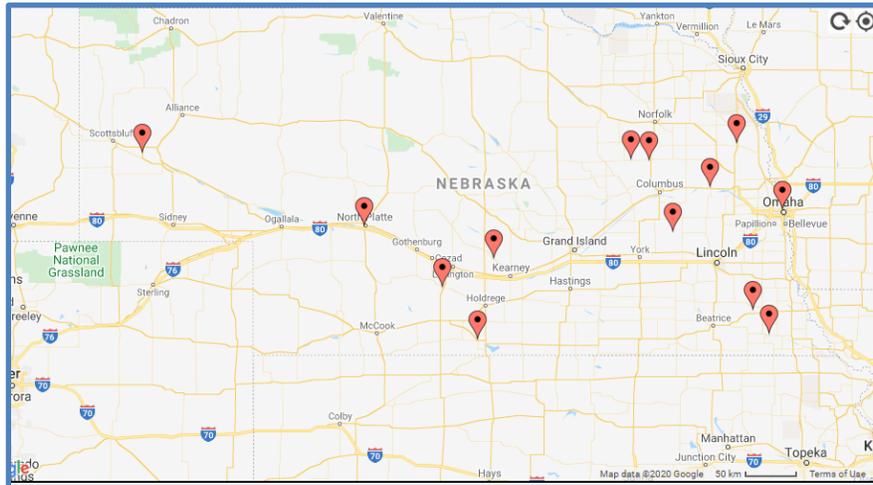
Results:	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Deer donated	375	572	734	614	501	366	392	213
Pounds of venison	18,781	27,952	35,476	28,575	23,374	17,062	19,293	11,536
Donations (FY: July 1 – Feb. 29)	\$29,202	\$46,903	\$46,977	\$66,112	\$68,884	\$76,600	\$63,844	\$104,441
Spent (FY: July 1 – Feb. 29)	\$37,103	\$57,633	\$82,697	\$77,914	\$71,477	\$52,305	\$55,771	\$34,717



## New in 2019:

- Contributions to fund the program continued to decrease; processor contract quotas reduced.
- Number of processors decreased to 13 from 21 in 2018.
- Pounds of venison distributed decreased by 33% from a year ago.
- Grants were received from Cabela’s Outdoor Fund (\$2,500) and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (\$750) for the 2019 PY; these grant amounts are included in the Donations total.

## Participating Processor Locations



Charities Distributing Venison	Service Areas	Pounds
Blessings Food Pantry	North Bend, Nebraska	100
Blue Valley Community Action *	Butler, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Polk, Saline, Seward, Thayer and York counties	626
Catholic Social Services	Adams county	537
Columbus Rescue Mission	Pantries in Columbus and York, Nebraska	462
Food Bank for the Heartland	Statewide	2,192
Gosper County Food Pantry	Gosper county	500
Harlan County Caring Cupboard	Harlan county	124
Life House	Fremont Nebraska	621
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	1,782
North Platte Salvation Army **	Arthur, Chase, Frontier, Hayes, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson and Perkins counties	9,986
Potter’s Wheel	Scotts Bluff county	704
Simon House **	Columbus, Nebraska	284
Southeast Nebraska Community Action * **	Cass, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee and Richardson counties	863

\* Participant in the Food Bank of Lincoln distribution network

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