

## Hunters Helping the Hungry 2014 Program Year Report

The Hunters Helping the Hungry program was created by the Nebraska Legislature in April 2012 to provide 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.

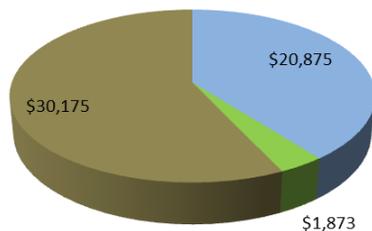


Taylor Beetison, from southeast Nebraska with her first deer, which she donated to the program in 2013.

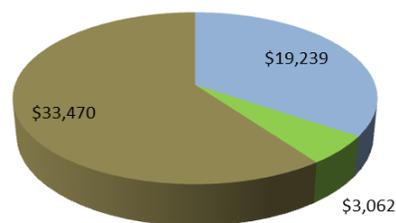
<b>Results:</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Deer donated</b>	366	392	213
<b>Pounds of venison donated</b>	17,062	19,293	11,536
<b>Hunters donating deer</b>	324	363	188
<b>Donations (FY: July 1 – June 30)</b>	\$68,195 (thru Apr. 15, 2015)	\$63,843	\$104,441
<b>Spent (FY: July 1 – June 30)</b>	\$54,000*	\$55,771	\$34,717

\*Final FY expenditures will be available in July, but are not expected to exceed \$54,000.

**2014 Estimated Expenditures**



**2013 Final Expenditures**



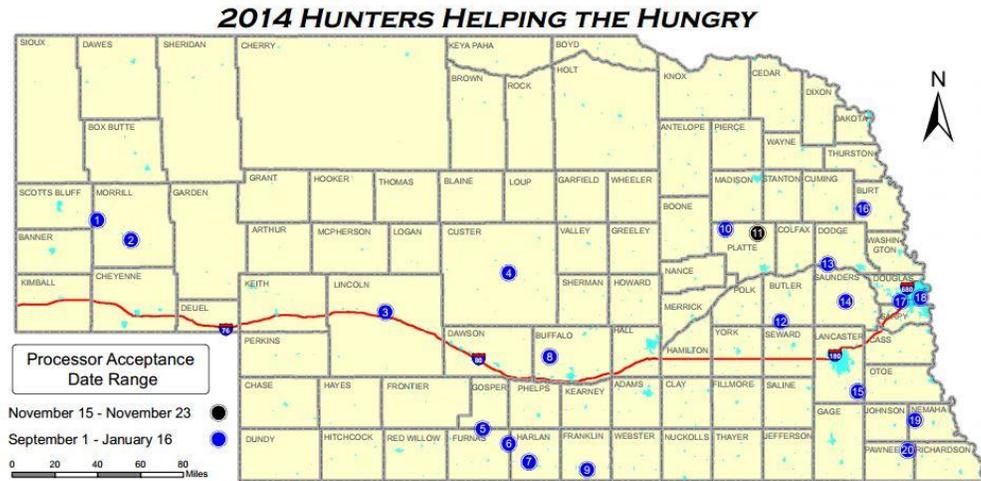
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As of April 15, 2015 the program fund balance was \$94,274. This should allow the program to again accept all deer in good condition offered by hunters in 2015.

## Changes in 2014:

- The archery season began two weeks earlier (on September 1, 2014).
- On average, deer donation at processor locations increased by 1% from a year ago. However two 2013 processors did not participate during 2014, and one new 2014 processor had relatively few deer donations. As a result, overall deer donation in 2014 decreased by 7% from a year ago.

## Participating Processor Locations



Charitable Organizations	Service Area Counties	Venison (Pounds)
Blue Valley Community Action**	Butler, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Polk, Saline, Seward, Thayer and York	315
Broken Bow Food Pantry	Custer	720
Columbus Rescue Mission	Pantries in Columbus and York, Nebraska	433
Community Action Partnership of Western Nebraska*	Banner, Kimball, Morrill and Scotts Bluff	968
Food Bank for the Heartland*	Statewide	2,102
Food Bank of Lincoln**	Butler, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Polk, Richardson, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Thayer and York	831
Francis House	Omaha, Nebraska	400
Franklin Food Pantry	Franklin	456
Gosper County Food Pantry*	Gosper	200
Harlan County Caring Cupboard Inc.	Harlan	1,079
Low Income Ministry of Dodge County*	Dodge	390
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	1,198
Oakland Food Bank	Oakland, Nebraska	320
Panama Pantry**	Panama, Nebraska	395
Phelps Food Pantry*	Phelps	480
Saint John's Lutheran Church	Scotts Bluff	2,324
Simon House *	Columbus, Nebraska	273
Southeast Nebraska Community Action**	Cass, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee and Richardson	729
North Platte Salvation Army*	Arthur, Chase, Frontier, Hayes, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson and Perkins	3,649

\*part of the distribution network for Food Bank for the Heartland or \*\*Food Bank of Lincoln.