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Hunters Helping the Hungry 2020 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.

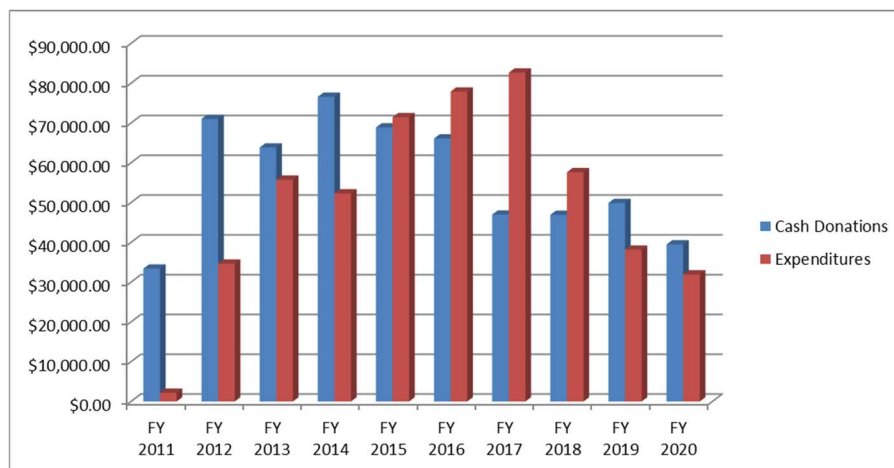
Key Features of the Program:

- 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.

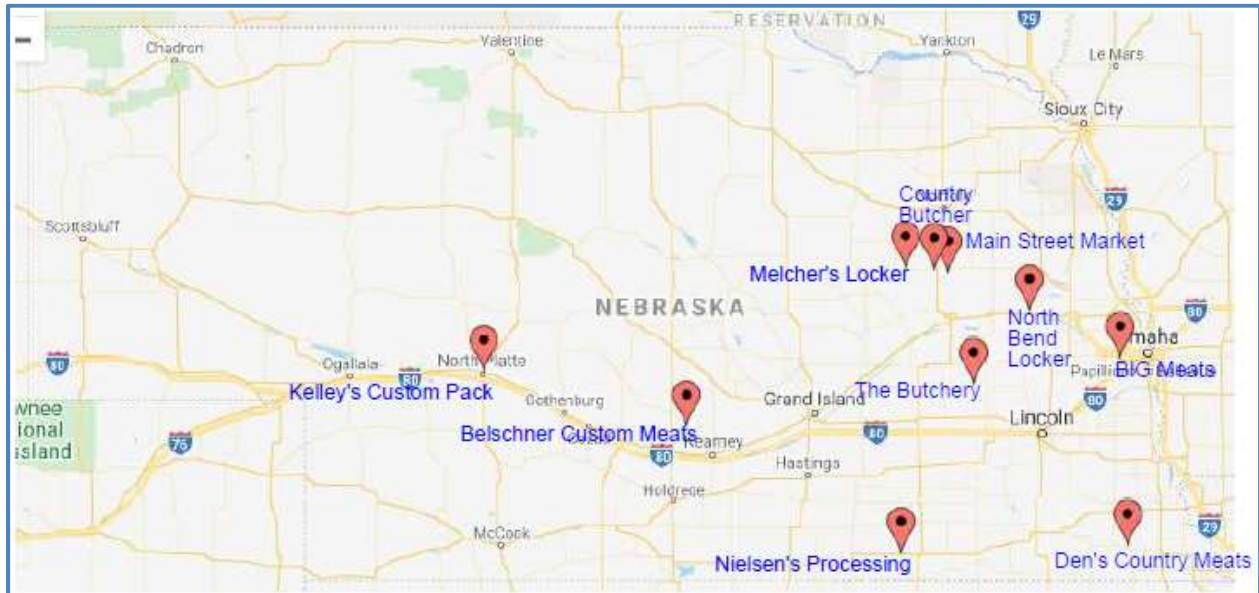
Results:	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Deer donated	316	375	572	734	614	501	366	392	213
Pounds of venison	15,881	18,781	27,952	35,476	28,575	23,374	17,062	19,293	11,536
Donations (FY: Jul. 1 – Feb. 25)	\$39,488	\$49,897	\$46,903	\$46,977	\$66,112	\$68,884	\$76,600	\$63,844	\$104,441
Spent (FY: Jul. 1 – Feb. 25)	\$31,946	\$38,176	\$57,633	\$82,697	\$77,914	\$71,477	\$52,305	\$55,771	\$34,717



New in 2020:

- Contributions to fund the program continued to decrease; processor contract quotas reduced.
- Number of processors decreased to 10 from 13 in 2019.
- Pounds of venison distributed decreased by 15% from 2019.
- Larger donations were received from the Nebraska Game & Parks Foundation (\$10,000) and FarmFocused from their HHH gear fundraiser (\$1,500) for the 2020 PY; these donation 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	642
Columbus Rescue Mission	Pantries in Columbus and York, Nebraska	528
Food Bank of Lincoln	Polk, York, Fillmore, Thayer, Butler, Seward, Saline, Jefferson, Saunders, Lancaster, Gage, Otoe, Johnson, Pawnee, Nemaha and Richardson	456
Food Bank for the Heartland	Statewide	1,136
Life House	Fremont Nebraska	358
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	841
North Platte Salvation Army**	Arthur, Chase, Frontier, Hayes, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson and Perkins counties	9,905
Simon House **	Columbus, Nebraska	707
Southeast Nebraska Community Action* **	Cass, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee and Richardson counties	1,208

* Participant in the Food Bank of Lincoln distribution network

** Participant in the Food Bank for the Heartland distribution network