SCDSS Nutrition Assistance Programs

• The Child and Adult Care Food Program
• The Summer Food Service Program
• The Afterschool Snack Program
• The Emergency Shelters Food Program
• The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
• The Commodities Program

OUR MISSION IS TO REDUCE HUNGER AND FOOD INSECURITY BY ENSURING ACCESS TO FOOD, A MORE HEALTHFUL DIET AND NUTRITION EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND LOW-INCOME FAMILIES. NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION TO HELP FAMILIES EAT BETTER, LEARN BETTER, AND EARN BETTER.

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The Goal

The goal of the Commodities Program is to make emergency food available in your area of the state.

- Food is given to local pantries to provide to people in need in the community.

How do Food Pantries receive Commodities?

- Your organization may become a pantry if you are a public or private non-profit tax exempt agency.
  (Ex: Soup kitchens, Senior centers, Churches, Homeless shelters)

How do I start or find a Food Pantry in my area?

- For details on starting a food pantry or to locate an existing food pantry in your area:

- Contact the area food bank serving your county (see listing)

What are Commodities?

- Commodities are food items that are donated to our state by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Commodity foods help supplement the diets of limited income people by providing them with food and nutrition assistance during times of need.
- Commodity Foods:
  - Fruits: Canned, Dried and Fresh
  - Fruit Juices
  - Vegetables: Canned and Fresh
  - Meat, Poultry, Seafood: Canned and Frozen
  - Beef, Chicken, Turkey, Pork and Tuna
  - Other Commodities: Cereals, Pasta Products, Rice, Grits, Peanut Butter and Nonfat Dry Milk

Note: These are some of the foods that are available under the Commodities Program. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) determines the availability of foods.

Who is eligible for Commodities?

- Anyone who meets the federal poverty guidelines.
- Anyone currently receiving:
  - Food Stamps
  - Family Independence (FI) benefits
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)