

# Food Banks

- **GOLDEN HARVEST FOOD BANK**

803.648.0752  
13 Enterprise Avenue, Aiken  
www.goldenharvest.org

**Serving the counties of:** Abbeville, Aiken, Allendale, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Edgefield, Greenwood, McCormick, Oconee and Pickens

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www.lowcountryfoodbank.org

**Serving the counties of:** Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Georgetown, Hampton, Horry, Jasper and Williamsburg

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704.376.1785  
500-B Spratt Street, Charlotte, NC  
www.secondharvestcharlotte.org

**Serving the counties of:** Cherokee, Lancaster, Spartanburg, Union and York

# 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



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**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 COMMODITIES PROGRAM

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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.

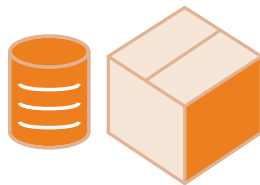
*(Ex: Soup kitchens, Senior centers, Churches, Homeless shelters)*

## 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*)

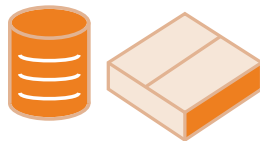
## What are Commodities?

- 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)

