



Local Foods Purchase Assistance Program

Program Goal: Procure and deliver locally grown food to South Dakotans in need and provide a market opportunity for South Dakota producers.

What It Is: The Local Foods Purchase Assistance Program (LFPA) is a new two-year cooperative program between the United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (USDA) and the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (DANR). DANR will partner with Feeding South Dakota to procure and deliver locally grown foods from South Dakota producers to communities in need across the state.

Who Does LFPA Benefit? The program serves both South Dakota's farmers and ranchers and South Dakotans in need of food assistance by giving farmers and ranchers, including underserved producers, opportunities to deliver their products to local markets through Feeding South Dakota's extensive network of food assistance partners.

How Can I Participate? DANR and Feeding South Dakota are seeking to procure and deliver as much healthy food as possible to as many communities as possible.

Producers: If you are a South Dakota producer and would like to participate in the program, please contact info@feedingsouthdakota.org.

- You will be asked to complete a questionnaire identifying more about your operation and available products.
- Even if you are not prepared to source food to Feeding South Dakota right now there are opportunities to participate throughout this two-year program and beyond through Feeding South Dakota's standing producer food sourcing network.
- USDA's LFPA program particularly provides a market opportunity for producers in a disadvantaged or underserved social or racial group, as well as our women, veteran, beginning, and small-scale farmers, particularly those growing fresh produce.
- However, all South Dakota producers are encouraged to participate and there is no requirement to identify with any of the above groups.

Partners: If you are connected to other producers who may be interested in selling their products to Feeding South Dakota or are involved with a local community food relief organization and would like to assist Feeding South Dakota with product pickup or delivery, please contact info@feedingsouthdakota.org.

Communities: If your community would benefit from increased access to locally grown foods through LFPA deliveries please contact info@feedingsouthdakota.org.