

USDA Food Assistance Programs

Ron Hamilton, Kansas Commodity Programs



FOOD DISTRIBUTION SERVICES



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The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

A variety of free food is available to eligible households with income less than 130% of the federal poverty level. Food is shipped about four or more times per year. People may get the food from community organizations located throughout Kansas. A list of participating organizations and updated income guidelines appears at the following web site: <http://www.srskansas.org/ISD/srseescomm.html>. Each organization announces their own distribution times. The types of food vary and include vegetables, fruits, juices, meat, cereals, peanut butter, nonfat dried milk, and pasta.

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

Free food and nutritional education are available monthly to women, infants, and children and also to persons more than 60 years of age. This service is available in 19 Kansas counties. Individuals receive food from ten food groups including cheese, evaporated milk, nonfat dry milk, peanut butter or dry beans, cereal, canned meats, vegetables, fruits, juices, and potatoes, rice, or pasta. Women, infants, and children are eligible if their income is less than 185% of the federal poverty level *and* if they are not also receiving WIC vouchers. Persons over 60 years are eligible if their income is less than 130% of the federal poverty level. Distribution of the food is coordinated in 20 counties by three lead organizations listed below:

Lead Organizations

Cross Lines Cooperative Council, 736 Shawnee Ave., Kansas City, KS (913) 281-3388
Counties Served: Wyandotte, Johnson, and Leavenworth

Let's Help, 215 SE Quincy, Topeka, KS (785) 234-6208
Counties Served: Douglas, Shawnee, Jefferson, Osage, Pottawatomie, Jackson, Riley, and Wabaunsee

United Methodist Urban Ministries (UMUM), 1545 N. Mosley, Wichita, KS (316) 267-0511
Counties Served: Butler, Cowley, Harper, Harvey, Kingman, Pratt, Reno, Sedgwick, and Sumner

Soup Kitchen Food Bank (SKFB)

Soup kitchens, homeless shelters, alcohol and drug facilities, and battered women's shelters may receive monthly food shipments to help provide their meals. There are no income guidelines.

Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP)

Food is available to elderly nutrition projects that serve group meals or home delivered lunches, such as *Meals On Wheels*. Recipients must be age 60 or over. For more information, contact the nearest Area Agency on Aging.

Charitable Institution Commodity Program (CICP)

Food is available to institutions, such as state hospitals, community helping agencies, medical centers, correctional facilities, and other nonprofit institutions providing meals. The institution must be able to use large truck load shipments of one item.

To learn more about how an organization may receive or distribute food contact:

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