



USDA's Farmers to Families Box Program

Feeding America Guidance Document

Background:

The Farmers to Families Program Request for Proposal indicates that “the contractor is solely responsible for establishing a network of recipient entities (i.e. foodbanks, food pantries, churches, schools, community groups, and other non-profit and governmental organizations for distribution to Americans who need food).”

One such partner in this work is the Feeding America network of food banks. Feeding America has provided some valuable resources for distributors wishing to pursue partnership. Please note that this is specific to Feeding America. *Proposals are encouraged to utilize partnerships with a range of entities listed above.*

Feeding America Distributor Website

Feeding America has established a Farmers to Families (previously called Coronavirus Farm Assistance Program, CFAP) [webpage](#) to assist interested collaborators navigate their food bank network.

FAQs for collaborating with Feeding America on the Farmers to Families Boxes

- 1) **How do I partner with Feeding America's network of food banks?** Generally, each Feeding America Food Bank has between 200 – 800 non-profit partners within their respective territory. Each of these affiliated non-profit partners could serve as distribution sites/outlets for your food boxes. A list by region, state and county can be found [here](#).
- 2) **How do deliveries work to FA food banks?**
“Truck to Trunk” concept is ideal state as it minimizes food bank capacity/cold storage constraints but awarded distributors should work directly with food banks on delivery needs.
- 3) **What if I can't fulfill all of the requests of the food bank, as listed on the Feeding America distributor page?**
Distributors may elect to include all or part of a food bank's requested volume of produce. Food banks specs estimate the volume of food boxes they can distribute. USDA will take into consideration reach, so distributors are encouraged to collaborate with underserved areas, including rural.
- 4) **What about frequency of delivery?**
The frequency of deliveries posted on FA's distributor page indicates how many times they wish to receive deliveries in a given day or month. When supplying this information, the food banks do not have information on a distributor's fleet capacity. Distributors should use the pounds of food requested and the estimated frequency of deliveries to help approximate deliveries.
- 5) **What if I have additional questions?**
Feeding America specific questions should be directed to CFAPquestions@feedingamerica.org