

# FARMERS FEEDING FAMILIES PROGRAM

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### **1. What is the Farmers Feeding Families Program?**

The Farmers Feeding Families Program is an initiative designed to reduce food insecurity in local communities by providing nutritious food to individuals and families in need. It encourages County Farm Bureaus (CFBs) to donate livestock, time, money, and food items to support food banks, shelters and other organizations that distribute aid.

### **2. How can I participate in the program?**

There are several ways to get involved:

- **Donate livestock:** CFBs can donate livestock (cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, poultry) to local organizations.
- **Volunteer time:** Log volunteer hours spent helping with food collection, distribution, or preparation.
- **Make a monetary donation:** Any financial contribution to local food distribution organizations is welcomed.
- **Donate food items:** This includes canned goods, fresh vegetables, or other non-perishable items.

### **3. What is the reimbursement policy for livestock donations?**

Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) will reimburse up to \$1,000 for the processing costs of donated livestock. This reimbursement covers the processing of cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, and poultry.

### **4. How is the CFB reimbursed?**

Once the online form is complete and approved, funds will be automatically deposited into the CFB's account.

### **5. How will donated livestock be processed and distributed?**

Once the livestock is processed, the CFB is responsible for coordinating with local food banks, shelters, churches, or other charitable organizations. The CFB will ensure compliance with all applicable rules and regulations.

### **6. How are donations tracked?**

CFBs will fill out an online form to submit any type of donation (i.e., protein, time, money, or other foods). The form will also have information about how to be reimbursed for processing fees. The form can be found here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Wr2Lf3zFHD>.

### **7. What are the rewards for participating in the program?**

Counties that contribute to the program may receive recognition through the Golden Buckle Awards Program and at the annual meeting.

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## **8. How long does the program run?**

This is a 2025 initiative and will run from January 1 - December 31, 2025.

## **9. What if I only want to donate a portion of the animal?**

TFB will reimburse processing, up to \$1,000, for the actual protein donated. Example: If a county has a steer processed and only wants to donate a half of beef, then TFB will reimburse 50% of the processing cost.

## **10. What about deer and other animals?**

TFB is not currently reimbursing for any animals except livestock. However, those animals can still be logged under the "other nonperishable items." Example: If a county board member donates to the "Hunters for Homeless" program, please log that animal.