

**THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
(TEFAP)**

**SPONSORS: NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NORTH CAROLINA PARTNER FEEDING AMERICA FOOD BANKS**

ELIGIBILITY: MANNA FOODBANK PARTNER AGENCIES

CRITERIA FOR TEFAP ELIGIBLE PANTRIES:

1. AGENCIES/EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES IN GOOD STANDING WITH MANNA FOOD BANK AND COMMUNITY.
2. INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSEHOLD ELIGIBILITY: (PANTRIES ONLY)
-**SELF DECLARATION OF INCOME FORM MUST BE COMPLETED ON EACH RECIPIENT/FAMILY ONCE PER MONTH TO RECEIVE TEFAP COMMODITIES.**
-INCOME GUIDELINE REPRESENTS 130% OF FEDERAL POVERTY LINE.
-RECIPIENT MUST SIGN USDA DONATED COMMODITIES APPLICATION TWICE (TOP AND BOTTOM) (TEFAP-3) FORM. THIS INFORMATION MUST BE KEPT ON FILE AT AGENCY FOR A PERIOD OF **FIVE YEARS**.
-INDIVIDUALS MAY RECEIVE TEFAP AS NEEDED, THROUGH THEIR RESIDENTIAL COUNTY ONLY.
-CLIENTS NEED TO BE ASSESSED BY DISTRIBUTING PANTRY PERSONNEL.
-TEFAP PANTRIES MUST AGREE TO MONITORING BY MANNA FOOD BANK AND NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
-PER COUNTY LIMITS MAY APPLY.
-NO HANDLING FEE ON TEFAP COMMODITIES. DELIVERY CHARGE OF **2¢** PER POUND WILL BE APPLIED.
3. MONTHLY REPORTING REQUIREMENT DOCUMENTING INVENTORY RECEIVED AND HOUSEHOLD DISTRIBUTION, DUE BY THE **15TH** OF EACH MONTH. (**REPORTS ARE REQUIRED EVEN IF THERE HAS BEEN NO ACTIVITY IN A GIVEN MONTH**)
4. ADEQUATE STORAGE AS OUTLINED IN ONE YEAR AGREEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION CAPABILITIES.
5. SAFE FOOD HANDLING PRACTICES.

**LOOK AT WHAT IS AVAILABLE!!!
SAMPLE OF ITEMS AVAILABLE JULY THRU SEPT. 2010**

Apple Juice	Applesauce	Beef, Grnd
Cheddar Soup	Cheese	Cherries, Dried
Corn	Green Beans	Milk, Dry
Milk, UHT	Orange Juice	Pears
Pork Patty, Frz	Potatoes, SLC	Rotini

**MANNA FoodBank – Emergency Feeding Organization
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NEW SOURCE OF FOOD FOR ONGOING FOOD PANTRIES**

Program

After negotiations with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, NC's Feeding America Food Banks will have the opportunity to distribute an increase in TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) commodities through member agencies with ongoing food box programs in several WNC counties. Increases will begin July1, 2009 through reauthorization of The Farm Bill in 2008 and The Economic Recovery Act.

Counties Involved

Fifteen counties in MANNA's service area have turned the TEFAP commodity program over to MANNA Food Bank to date.

Avery	Buncombe	Cherokee	Clay
Graham	Haywood	Henderson	Jackson
Macon	Madison	McDowell	Mitchell
Polk	Transylvania	Yancey	

• Products available for July, Aug, Sept, 2010

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Eligibility / Administrative Requirements:

Food Bank member emergency pantries in good standing
Client eligibility criteria: 130% of federal poverty line guideline
Self declaration of income / need signed by each recipient (Pantries only)
Product limits per family / individual; food bank limits may also apply
Monthly food receipt / distribution inventory
Monitoring by North Carolina Department of Agriculture and MANNA Food Bank
Adequate Dry / cool storage capabilities to handle product
Safe food storage / handling / separate inventory
No more than a three-month supply on hand at any given time
Call ahead to MANNA staff to place TEFAP order
Forms are available on our website for downloading