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Connecticut
Food Insecurity Rate (2021)

- Overall Food Insecurity Rate: 10.5%
- Food Insecurity Rate among Black Persons (all ethnicities): 21%
- Food Insecurity Rate among Hispanic Persons (any race): 22%
- Food Insecurity Rate among White, non-Hispanic Persons: 6%
Food Sourcing Update

• TEFAP
  • Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC)
  • Culturally Connected
• Value Added Processing (VAP)
• DONATED
• Looking Forward

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TEFAP

- Focusing on increased selection of Halal and Kosher product
- Programs started during COVID to supplement TEFAP ended – 38% drop from FY22 to FY23 (2.9 million pounds = 72 trailer loads)
- New Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Bonus loads starting to deliver – could temporarily push pounds closer to FY22 levels
  - Shelf Stable Food
  - Frozen Protein
  - Fresh Produce
# TEFAP Expected June - August

## JUNE
- TEFAP Sweet Potatoes Fresh 12/3lb
- TEFAP Beef Ground 40/1lb
- TEFAP Pasta Macaroni Whole Grain 24/1lb
- TEFAP Rice White Long 24/2lb
- TEFAP Spinach 24/15oz
- TEFAP Sauce Tomato 24/15oz
- TEFAP Beans Garbanzo Dry 24/1lb
- TEFAP Mandarins Tangerine Fresh 6/5lbs
- TEFAP Lentils Dry 24/1lb
- TEFAP Beans Split Pea Green Dry 12/2lbs
- TEFAP Walnuts English Pcs. 24/1lb
- TEFAP Cheese Cheddar Yellow Chunks 12/2lbs
- TEFAP Blueberries Frozen 8/3lbs
- TEFAP Oranges Fresh 12/3lb
- TEFAP Rice White Long 24/2lb
- TEFAP Beans Garbanzo 24/15oz
- TEFAP Chicken Split Breasts 6/5lb

## JULY
- TEFAP Milk Fresh 1% 6/64oz
- TEFAP Sweet Potatoes Fresh 12/3lb
- TEFAP Peaches Fresh 12/2lbs
- TEFAP Beans Black 24/15oz
- TEFAP Beans Garbanzo 24/15oz
- TEFAP Beef Canned 24/24oz
- TEFAP Rice White Medium 24/2lb
- TEFAP Pork Pulled 20/2lb
- TEFAP Cherries Pitted Frozen 12/2.5lb
- TEFAP Blueberries Frozen 8/3lbs
- TEFAP Lentils Dry 24/1lb
- TEFAP Beans Green 12/14.5oz
- TEFAP Chicken Leg Quarters 8/5lb
- TEFAP Asparagus Canned 24/15oz
- TEFAP Beans Split Pea Green Dry 12/2lbs
- TEFAP Beans Garbanzo 24/1lb
- TEFAP Chicken Whole 10/4.5lb
- TEFAP Pork, Canned with Juices 24/24oz
- TEFAP Collards Low Sodium 12/14oz
- TEFAP Walnuts English Pcs. 24/1lb
- TEFAP Hazelnuts 24/1lb
- TEFAP Rice White Long 24/2lb
- TEFAP Chicken Drumsticks 8/5lb
- TEFAP Raisins 24/15oz
- TEFAP Apricot Frozen 96/4.5oz
- TEFAP Chicken Split Breasts 6/5lb

## AUGUST
- TEFAP Beef Ground 40/1lb
- TEFAP Soup Vegetable 24/10.5oz
- TEFAP Pasta Macaroni Whole Grain 24/1lb
- TEFAP Peaches Fresh 12/2lbs
- TEFAP Strawberries Frozen 12/2.5lb
- TEFAP Sauce Tomato 24/15oz
- TEFAP Beans Garbanzo 24/15oz
- TEFAP Lentils Dry 12/2lb
- TEFAP Cherries Dried 8/2lb
- TEFAP Catfish Fillets Raw Unbreadcr 20/2lbs
- TEFAP Chicken Leg Quarters 8/5lb
- TEFAP Applesauce 96/4.5oz
- TEFAP Milk Fresh 1% 6/64oz
- TEFAP Sweet Potatoes Fresh 12/3lb
- TEFAP Mixed Vegetables 12/29oz
- TEFAP Beans Split Pea Yellow Dry 12/2lbs
- TEFAP Beans Garbanzo Dry 24/1lb
- TEFAP Chicken Whole 10/4.5lb
- TEFAP Pork, Canned with Juices 24/24oz
- TEFAP Collards Low Sodium 12/14oz
- TEFAP Walnuts English Pcs. 24/1lb
- TEFAP Hazelnuts 24/1lb
- TEFAP Rice White Long 24/2lb
- TEFAP Chicken Drumsticks 8/5lb
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- TEFAP Apricot Frozen 96/4.5oz
- TEFAP Chicken Split Breasts 6/5lb
Produce

• **Value Added Processing (VAP)** – imperfect produce donated to Food Banks with fees for transportation/packaging (cost fully covered by CFS)

• 4 tractor-trailer loads each week on Agency Express
  • 160,000 pounds per week
    • Staple items: potatoes, carrots, onions, cabbage
    • Culturally connected produce: i.e., plantains, jalapeño peppers
Grocery Store Salvage

• Real Time Inventory
  Minimizing Waste and Overstock
• Secondary Market (dollar stores, discount grocers) purchasing salvage
• “Flashfood” phone app to order close code foods from grocery stores at discounts up to 50%
• Increased in store markdowns
• Small quantities donated direct through Retail Rescue
Looking Forward

• Continued efforts to source as much food from local donors as possible
• Focus on Fresh Produce and Protein
• Increase Culturally Connected Foods Including Halal and Kosher
• Continue to take advantage of food available through TEFAP/CCC

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Other Food Updates

Grocery Purchasing Program (GPP)
- 100% of cost starting July 1st
- GPP food survey – coming soon!

Thanksgiving
- Additional gift cards
- Monthly statistics required
Compliance Reminder: Monthly Statistics

• Reminder sent monthly – includes link to reporting form
• Due by 15th of every month
• Allows us to track state-wide demand on a “real time” basis
  ➢ Data helps us advocate for additional resources
• Required for TEFAP participation
• Factor when looking at strength of partnership
• **After July 1, 2023** – Accounts will be put on hold for missing stats
• Questions? Sherry Grant and Codi Wayton can help. Mail sgrant@ctfoodshare.org or cwayton@ctfoodshare.org.
Compliance Reminder: Program Access

- Minimum requirement – open twice per month
- 83% of programs already meet the standard
- Deadline is **June 30, 2024** to reach compliance
- We are here to support you -- reach out to your Network Representative

c. The Agency agrees to distribute/serve food at least twice per month* on a consistent schedule that is clearly communicated to the public, and to notify Connecticut Foodshare immediately if the service hours change.
Compliance Reminder:
Active Partnership

• Minimum of 5,000 pounds received from Connecticut Foodshare per year
  ➢ Equals less than 100 pounds per week
  ➢ Does not include Thanksgiving food orders
  ➢ Approximately 90% of programs already meet standard
• Order food at least ONCE per month
  ➢ 92% of programs already meet standard
• Deadline is June 30, 2024 to reach compliance

***Emails going out in July to programs who are not compliant.
Upcoming Network Partner Webinars and Info Sessions

• Food Bank Fundamentals:
  o Online Ordering In Agency Express – first Thursday of each month
  o Creating a Welcoming Culture – fourth Thursday of each month
• Wednesday Webinars – third Wednesday of each month
• SWAP Office Hours – fourth Friday of each month

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Summer Meals for Kids Program

- Federal program providing breakfasts, lunches, suppers, and snacks to children aged 18 and under.
- In a typical summer, the program distributes more than 1.75 million meals to over 37,000 children aged 18 years and younger, at 650 to 700 locations statewide.
- Program operates July and August
- Help is needed to promote meal sites across Connecticut. To help us spread the word, please request free materials to share with your program guests by completing this request form: https://ctfoodshare.jotform.com/231094455045958
Thank you for joining us!

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