

INTERESTED IN DONATING TO A FOOD BANK OR PANTRY?

Review this guide to learn how to donate Florida aquaculture products to local food banks and food pantries.



OBJECTIVES

One-fifth of Florida's population faces food insecurity on a daily basis; over one million of those impacted are children. Protein is by far the hardest items to source by foodbanks. You can help combat this deficit by donating aquaculture products to those in need. Your products will be reaching an underserved population and offering the opportunity for the recipient to learn more about aquaculture.

STEPS

1. Find a local food bank or pantry.

The Division of Food, Nutrition and Wellness at Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has compiled a list of eligible food banks and pantries around the state that are accepting donations as part of their Food Recovery Program.

2. Confirm they are taking donations.

Reach out to potential food banks to make sure they have the capacity to accept donations. Some food banks and pantries are unable to take perishable items due to adequate refrigerator or freezer space. **Any donation must already be processed and packaged; no whole unprocessed fish will be accepted.**

3. Donate!

During the scheduled drop-off times, bring your pre-processed products to the donation center. By donating your aquacultured products you are helping to make a difference in your community.

4. Reach out to FDACS for additional educational materials.

The Division of Aquaculture has educational materials about aquaculture products you can use to enhance your knowledge about Florida's aquaculture industry and review some potential products eligible for donation. You can access this information via our website at www.fdacs.gov/Divisions-Offices/Aquaculture. For more information regarding food insecurity or nutrition in the state of Florida visit the Division of Food, Nutrition and Wellness at www.fdacs.gov/Divisions-Offices/Food-Nutrition-and-Wellness.

BENEFITS

1. Reducing food insecurity in Florida
2. Increasing Florida aquaculture awareness
3. Connectivity to your community
4. Food waste reduction
5. Tax deductions



Scan the QR code or visit the website at ccmedia.fdacs.gov/content/download/84646/file/Food-Recovery-Resource-Guide-2024-web.pdf to access the Food Recovery Resource Guide to search for local food banks or pantries.



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