

Cattlemen Feeding Their Community

A program of the Ohio Cattlemen's Association in partnership with County Affiliates looking to serve their friends and neighbors.

THE CAUSE

Nearly one in six people in America struggle with food insecurity, one-quarter of whom are children. As cattlemen are stewards for their land and cattle, they also care for their communities. With quality protein being the most cost prohibitive item to provide for those that struggle with food insecurity, there are options for cattlemen to help their local food bank. Keeping the donations in your county can provide a great sense of fulfillment, knowing that you're helping someone who lives down the road, you attend church with or perhaps your children play on the same sports team.

HOW CAN CATTLEMEN HELP?

Cattlemen can help out by donating beef. Does this mean that you have to pay for processing? No. Does this mean that you have to get a custom order? No. Is the donation valued as tax-deductible? Yes.

Tips for Donating:

- Plan Ahead – give yourself time to schedule a harvest date with your packer & give your food bank of choice a heads up
- Avoid Deer Season
- Ground Beef packaged in 1# quantities is the preferred donation for distribution, but bulk ground beef can also be utilized.
 - All donations must be frozen
 - Custom exempt processing plants that label beef "Not For Sale" cannot be utilized. Contact OCA for a list of fully inspected facilities that are able to be utilized.
- Opportunities are available for processing costs to be covered by the Mid-Ohio Foodbank or Ohio Association of Foodbanks.
(Please refer to the information below as to which you contact based on your county's location.)

Many programs and organizations can get involved. Your county cattlemen's group can team up to donate a finished market animal. We encourage you to make it meaningful. Holidays are a great time to help those who are less fortunate and good deeds are appreciated year-round.

FOLLOW UP

If you independently give to your local food bank, or team up with your county cattlemen, 4-H club or FFA chapter, or other agricultural groups, please share your giving with the Ohio Cattlemen's Association (OCA). Be sure to grab a photo and we can assist you with writing press releases to send to your local newspaper to celebrate your community service.

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If you are from the following counties, please reach out to the Mid-Ohio Foodbank as your primary contact.

Belmont – Coshocton – Delaware – Fairfield –
Fayette – Franklin – Guernsey – Harrison –
Jefferson – Knox – Licking – Madison – Marion –
Monroe – Morrow – Muskingum – Noble –
Pickaway – Ross – Union

All other counties, please reach out to the Ohio Association of Foodbanks.

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