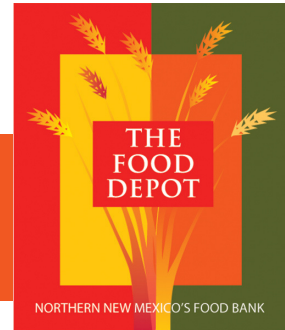


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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Protect and expand the largest and most effective anti-hunger program in America.

- Change the basis for benefit determination for SNAP to increase the number of persons assisted by the program.
- Increase SNAP benefits by 15% for families with children and older Americans.
- Raise participation rates among eligible older adults who live on a limited income and Social Security.
- Evaluate SNAP benefit levels to better align with the modern cost of a healthy diet. On average, SNAP recipients currently receive about \$5.45 per person per day in food benefits.
- Afford SNAP customers broader choices while shopping, including prepared and hot foods.
- Remove obstacles preventing low-income college students from receiving SNAP benefits, notably including the work requirement.
- Restore access to public programs for lawfully present immigrants by removing the five-year waiting period and other restrictions to SNAP eligibility.



Who does SNAP Reach in New Mexico?

**518,800 residents, or
25% of the state population**

**More than 67% are families
with children**

**SNAP lifts 61,000 people above
the poverty line each year**

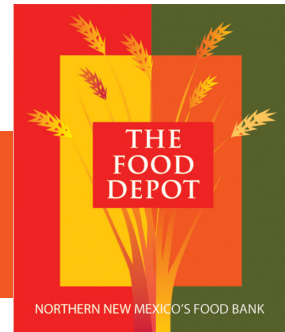
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The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

Commodities are an essential resource for food banks across America.

- Make a larger portion of TEFAP's authorized funding mandatory - at least \$450 million a year.
- Increase TEFAP storage and distribution funds to reflect the tremendous increase in costs that food banks have covered since the 2018 farm bill reauthorization.
- Extend USDA's authority to purchase bonus commodities in times of need for emergency food relief, as well as in times of low commodity prices so the program can respond accordingly.
- Provide funding to food banks so they can buy locally-produced and culturally-appropriate foods for TEFAP.
- Improve the nutritional value of the foods provided by the program.

Tribal Government Involvement in Federal Nutrition Programs

Food sovereignty is a right for all communities.

- Enable tribal governments to administer all federal nutrition programs in their areas of jurisdiction.
- Allow tribal organizations to expand Native-grown and culturally-relevant food procurement options in federal nutrition programs.

The Food Depot Vision: Healthy, hunger-free communities in Northern New Mexico.