WSDA assistance helped cut food pantry shortages in **half**

**FOOD DONATIONS DROPPED**

Donations to food banks dropped nearly **50%** in the first peak of the pandemic.

**FOOD SECURITY DURING COVID-19**

WSDA helps bridge the gap

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**Shelf-stable food**

Is processed to be safely stored at room temperature in a sealed container for a longer shelf life.

- **Purchased $13.6 million**
- **76%** of all purchased
- **10.5 million pounds**
- **524 truckloads**

**Enough for 7 million meals**

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*Initialy, WSDA sourced any available food, but as the food supply chain has stabilized, purchasing from Washington growers, processors and companies has been a top priority.*

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**Fresh food**

Recently harvested produce, prepared meals, recently butchered meat, or fish recently caught.

- **Purchased $4.2 million**
- **3 million pounds**

**Most from local sources** (unless local supply not available)

**WSDA food purchases:**
- Stabilized food system, supporting both demand and supply sides
- Opened new markets for farmers and food producers
- Strengthened network links and teamwork
- Reduced food waste
- Invested in cold storage capacity to help organizations safely distribute more fresh food

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**Amount of food purchased by WSDA:**

- **$17.8 million**
- **6,757 tons**
- **676 trucks**
- **Enough for 9 million meals**
- At LEAST one meal for every Washington resident

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**WSDA supported safe distribution of food, buying needed supplies**

- Purchased nearly **$2.5 million** of supplies
- Boxes were needed after food distribution methods changed due to the coronavirus
- Includes over **2.5 million** masks and **2.25 million** gloves

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**Data used is through Nov. 25, 2020.**

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**Notes:**

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**Additional Information:**

- **Sanitizing Supplies:** 6%
- **Safety supplies purchased by WSDA:** 44%
- **Masks:** 10%
- **Gloves:** 10%

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