North Dakota Community Action
Sportsmen Against Hunger Program
2014 Final Report
A program of North Dakota Community Action Partnership

History

In 2004, the North Dakota Community Action Partnership (NDCAP) initiated a statewide public education campaign to encourage local community sporting groups to develop a venison donation program, called the Sportsmen Against Hunger program. The program has grown and fluctuated over the years, and has successfully distributed thousands of pounds of wild game to those experiencing food insecurity across North Dakota.

2014 Deer Results

Deer were accepted throughout bow and rifle season. Sportsman Against Hunger program received a total of 36 deer this year, for approximately 1,500 pounds of meat donated to food pantries across the state. Unfortunately, this is the lowest number of donations in the history of the program. But this was anticipated due to the declining deer population in North Dakota. The program will continue to accept deer donations in 2015.

Elk Reduction Program Partnership with Theodore Roosevelt State Park

The Sportsman Against Hunger program had the honor of partnering with the Theodore Roosevelt National Park in their elk reduction project again this year. Through this partnership the program received 39 elk. The SAH program secured funding through the ND Department of Commerce to have the elk processed into burger. Over 4,000 pounds of elk burger and and 900 pounds of bison burger was processed. After processing the meat was distributed to food pantries and charitable feed outlets across the state of ND. This partnership has been in effect since 2011, with over 300 elk donated.
2014 Goose Results

2014, the ND Sportsmen Against Hunger program partnered with ND Game and Fish and U.S. Fish and Wildlife to start a pilot project to accept Canada geese throughout the regular winter season. This was a very exciting opportunity for growth of the goose donation portion of the Sportsmen Against Hunger program. The donations of geese helped minimize the loss of meat to food pantries because of decreasing deer donations. A total of 1,863 pounds of goose meat were donated to the program in 2014. The goal for the 2015 goose season is to increase awareness of the goose donation program and increase the donations.

Other SAH Activity in 2014

- The Sportsman Against Hunger program also worked with ND Game and Fish to distribute meat from four moose, totaling approximately 800 pounds of meat.

Total Donations

The Sportsman Against Hunger program facilitated a grand total of 9,063 pounds of donated game meat being donated to food pantries across the state of North Dakota. Thank you to all of our program partners, especially North Dakota Game and Fish, ND Department of Commerce, and Community Action Agencies across the State of North Dakota. Thank you to all of our partner processors, without them this program would not be possible. And finally, thank you to each and every person who has donated to this program!

For any questions about Sportsman Against Hunger, visit our website at www.cap.org or contact Sarah Hasbargen at sarahh@sendcaa.org or (701)232-2452.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE ND COMMUNITY ACTION SPORTSMEN AGAINST HUNGER PROGRAM A SUCCESS!