The Community Action Partnership of North Dakota Sportsmen Against Hunger program organizes the donation of legally-obtained wild game to food pantries across North Dakota where healthy sources of protein, particularly fresh/frozen meat are often needed. Sportsmen Against Hunger works with local meat processors, generous hunters, and other sponsors/volunteers to help meet the needs of hungry North Dakotans.
Since 2004, the CAPND Sportsmen Against Hunger Program has helped organized the donation of legally-obtained wild game to food pantries across North Dakota. Typically, the program sees an average of 2500-3000 lbs. of game donated each year. However, this season the total was under 1500 lbs. with weather playing a large factor. With warmer than average temperatures and windy weather, hunters were left with an unenjoyable, less successful hunt. In addition, the 2021 season drought resulted in blue tongue disease in and around Region 2 which many hunters deciding to forgo hunting and turn back their tags in an effort to rebound the herd.

In addition to weather, inflation and the increasing cost of food likely caused a reduction in donation as hunters utilized their game to feed their families and help their neighbors. One area processor indicated that many people were hunting as a way to supplement their food supply rather than hunting for recreation as was seen in prior years.

CAPND is deeply grateful to the processors and sponsors without whom this program would not be possible. Even with lower than average donations, this program was able to provide some needed protein sources to area food pantries to help those who need it the most.

### Pounds of Meat Donated Per Year

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### Thank You To Our Processors!

- Myers Meats & Specialties
- Mattern Family Meats
- Red Meats, LLC
- K&E Meats
- Weber Meats
- Fairmount Lockers
- Maple Valley Lockers
- Manock Meats
- Reister Meats
- Randy’s Backyard Smokehouse - Supervalu
- Barton Meats, Inc
- Kramlich-Deede Meats
- Butcher Block Meats
- West Dakota Meats
- The Meat Shop
- Dakota Packing
- Valley Meats
- LaMoure Lockers
- Warehouse Grocery

If you know of or are a processor in North Dakota who may be interesting in partnering with us to fight hunger, please contact us to learn more.

### How the Sportsmen Against Hunger Program Works

Hunters contact one of our local Sportsmen Against Hunger approved processors throughout the state and let them know they would like to donate their wild game for the program. Hunters then drop off their field-dressed game to the processors who grind and package the meat. Once ready, our volunteers pick up the processed meat to be dropped off at local food pantries throughout the state. Food pantries then distribute this healthy source of protein to families who need it the most.

Sportsmen Against Hunger is reliant on donations and grant funding to assist with the cost of processing game. Sportsmen Against Hunger is sponsored in part by the NRA Hunters for Hunger Program. Additional sponsors include: Stutsman County Wildlife, E.S. Wildlife Club, Red River Area Sportsmen, and Grand Forks Wildlife Foundation.