

**Department of Education Announces
USDA Household Commodity Programs
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)**

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)/Office of Early Childhood Education (OEC) Food Distribution Unit within the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) operates The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) for Arkansas.

ADE operates these USDA programs through partnership with Regional Food Banks and Community Action Agencies throughout the State to provide nutritious food services to families in need.

The TEFAP program is available in all 75 Arkansas counties. A variety of nutritious, high-quality food is made available by USDA to the State for distribution to needy families. Eligibility requirements are based on residency, income, and household size. If the household is SNAP eligible, they are TEFAP eligible. Foster children are categorically eligible for the program.

The CSFP program is available in 40 Arkansas counties. Eligibility requirements are based on age (must be 60+ years of age), residency, income, and household size. New applicants may anticipate being placed on a waiting list. The CSFP food package contains a variety of nutritious food to eligible seniors.

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