

Fighting Hunger with Wise Use of Our Natural Resources

The past seven years, the Venison Donation Coalition, Inc. has coordinated the efforts to process over 206 tons of highly nutritious meat and distribute it to those in need. That equates to 1,651,748 meals served to the hungry!

Thanks to the many farmers, hunters, processors, food banks, RC&D Councils, Farm Bureau, individuals, organizations, and sportsmen's clubs, Venison Donation continues to thrive. In fact, in 2005, even with the deer take down 20% in New York State, the Coalition processed 75,695 lbs. of venison and distributed it in 50 counties throughout New York.

New York's Venison Donation program has been a success because of the generosity of our citizens and the abundant deer population in our state. The Venison Donation Coalition continues to rely on the generosity of everyone. Each of us realizes the need in our state. More and more families, especially children, are going hungry and can use our help. Anyone can donate financially to the Venison Donation Coalition simply by stopping by your Town Clerk's Office and donating one dollar (or more) at D.E.C.A.L.S. (Dept. of Environmental Conservation Automated License System). Simply stated, \$1 can make a difference. It will cover the cost to feed 4 people.

THANK YOU PARTNERS

This program could not have been successful without the help from the many dedicated partners who have volunteered time, services and support for this worthwhile effort. Please visit our website at www.VenisonDonation.com for a complete listing of our partners. Please support these groups and businesses.

THE NEW YORK FEDERATION OF RC&D COUNCILS

The RC&D Councils have assisted the Venison Donation Coalition since its inception. They are the accounting arm of the Coalition and assist us with the collection and distribution of funds to coordinate the collection, processing and distribution of the donated venison.

FREE PROCESSING

Because donated deer must be professionally processed, the Venison Donation Coalition, Inc. coordinates a program where legally tagged and properly field-dressed deer can be taken to participating processors...at no cost to the hunter or farmer.

- Meat cutters are recruited for participating and paid to process the donated deer.
- Processor sponsorship is dependent on area donations.
- The venison is processed and packaged according to the law.
- The meat is picked up by Food Banks for delivery to member agencies such as soup kitchens, food pantries, and needy families throughout New York State, in your communities.

Hunters and farmers MUST CALL AHEAD for FREE processing of any deer you wish to donate.

FOOD BANKS

Nine Food Banks have played a major role in New York's Venison Donation Program. Through their member agencies, the food banks have been the distribution centers for the venison to the needy. Should you or someone you know be in need of food, please contact the food bank that services your county. They are listed to the right.

Food Bank of Northeastern New York
Latham, NY 12110
518-786-3691

www.regionalfoodbank.net
Franklin, Clinton, Essex, Hamilton, Warren, Fulton, Saratoga, Washington, Montgomery, Schenectady, Otsego, Schoharie, Albany, Rensselaer, Delaware, Greene, Columbia counties

Food Bank of Western New York
Buffalo, NY 14206
716-852-1305
www.foodbankwny.org
Niagara, Erie, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus counties

Food Bank of the Southern Tier
Elmira, NY 14903
607-796-6061
www.foodbankst.org
Steuben, Schuyler, Chemung, Tompkins, Tioga and Broome counties

Harry Chapin Food Bank
Hauppauge, NY 11788
631-582-3663 ext. 112
www.licares.org
Suffolk and Nassau counties

Food Bank For New York City
New York, NY 10038
212-566-7855 ext. 2235
www.foodbanknyc.org
Bronx, New York, Queens, Kings, and Richmond counties

FOODLINK
Rochester, NY 14611
585-328-3380
www.foodlinkny.org
Orleans, Genesee, Monroe, Wayne, Livingston, Ontario, Yates, Seneca, Wyoming, Allegany counties

Food Bank of Central New York
East Syracuse, NY 13057-9191
315-437-1899 or 800-444-1562 ext. 0
www.foodbankcny.org
Cayuga, Cortland, Chenango, Onondaga, Madison, Oswego, Oneida, Herkimer, Lewis, Jefferson, and St. Lawrence counties.

Food PATCH
Millwood, NY 10546
914-923-1100
www.foodpatch.org
Westchester county

Food Bank of the Hudson Valley
Cornwall-On-Hudson, NY 12520
(845) 534-5344
www.foodbankofhudsonvalley.org
Sullivan, Ulster, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam and Rockland counties



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