



Top 10 Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) What is Ozarks Food Harvest?** It is the only food bank in southwest Missouri, and provides food to a network of more than 350 agency partners such as food pantries, shelters, senior centers, low-income daycares, domestic violence centers and more across 29 counties in the Ozarks—one-third of the state of Missouri! In addition to The Food Bank's distribution of approximately seven million pounds of food annually, it offers several direct service programs such as the *Weekend Backpack Program™*, *Kids Cafe®* and the Mobile Food Pantry™. Ozarks Food Harvest was named the 2009 Charitable Organization of the Year for its impact on southwest Missouri's regional economy.
- 2) What's the difference between a food bank and a food pantry?** A *food bank* is a warehouse that collects and distributes food to charities such as food *pantries* which, in turn, provide clients with food and supplies.
- 3) Can the hungry get food directly from The Food Bank?** No. The food is collected, stored and repackaged at Ozarks Food Harvest's warehouse. The food is then distributed to qualified 501(c)(3) charities that directly serve those in need. These organizations, or member agencies, receive food from The Food Bank for distribution to their clients. For a listing of emergency food assistance sites, call (417) 865-3411 or visit the O'Reilly Center for Hunger Relief, the home of Ozarks Food Harvest.
- 4) How does The Food Bank get food?** Local and regional producers, growers, distributors and retailers donate food to Ozarks Food Harvest. National food donations also come to The Food Bank via Feeding America™—the nation's leading domestic hunger relief charity and nationwide food bank network—and through federal government subsidies. A host of local groups in the community also hold food drives for Ozarks Food Harvest to collect food rich in protein, which donated foods tend to lack. Food drives also bring in nutritious garden produce for The Food Bank to distribute to its agency members.
- 5) How is the food distributed?** Food arrives at The Food Bank and is inspected, sorted, labeled and stored at the warehouse for repacking and distribution. Ozarks Food Harvest delivers directly to member agencies and prepares order for agencies to pick up.
- 6) How much of my donation goes directly to feed people who are hungry?** Of every dollar donated to Ozarks Food Harvest, 95 cents goes directly to feeding hungry people in the Ozarks.
- 7) How many people will I feed with my donation?** For every dollar donated to The Food Bank it provides \$10 worth of food and services.
- 8) Is Ozarks Food Harvest a 501 (c)(3) organization?** Yes. The Food Bank is an independent 501(c)(3) organization, and is governed by a voluntary Board of Directors.
- 9) Where does The Food Bank get funding?** Ozarks Food Harvest is supported through individual donations and support from foundations and community partners. For more information about giving options or to make a donation, contact Development Director for Ozarks Food Harvest, Denise Gibson, at (417) 865-3411.
- 10) Where is The Food Bank located?** The warehouse is located at 2810 N. Cedarbrook Ave. in the North Creek Business Park in North Springfield, Missouri. Visit ozarksfoodharvest.org for directions.

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How Ozarks Food Harvest Works

Food banking links global food producers with Ozarks families.
Here's how it works:

Where the food comes from 7,338,372 lbs. in FY 2008–2009

Food Drives (202,379 lbs.)

A number of local organizations and businesses hold food drives for Ozarks Food Harvest annually. These drives often bring in some of the most nutritious donations such as garden produce or protein.

Purchased Food

(85,193 lbs.)

When food donations are down, The Food Bank uses monetary donations from supporters to purchase food for its member agencies and service programs.

Local, Regional and National Food Distributors

(4,041,012 lbs.)

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Government Commodities

(3,030,588 lbs.)

The federal government helps growers by providing price subsidies. Because the subsidized food cannot be sold on the market, it is provided to the food banking system. There are 200 food banks in the U.S., and Ozarks Food Harvest is the only food bank in southwest Missouri.



Where the food goes 6,905,165 lbs. in FY 2008–2009

Hunger Relief Members

Ozarks Food Harvest distributes food to more than 350 hunger relief organizations such as food pantries, shelters, senior centers, low-income daycares, domestic violence centers and more—reaching more than 55,000 people monthly, across 29 counties in southwest Missouri, encompassing 20,000 square miles.

Children's Programs

In addition to collecting and distributing food and supplies to more than 350 nonprofits, The Food Bank offers direct service programs for at-risk children through its Kids Cafe® program and Weekend Backpack Program™.

Mobile Food Pantry™

To reach communities with an increased need, The Food Bank distributes food directly to children, families and seniors through its Mobile Food Pantry™ program thanks to its partners—area Rotary Clubs and the Ridewell Corporation. The program distributed 241,237 lbs. of food and supplies in The Food Bank's FY 2008–2009.



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