

MEFAP/USDA FY22 Distribution Policies

- ALL MEFAP/USDA products will be available to emergency programs on a monthly case limit basis. The case limit for EACH PRODUCT will be determined by program size. Program sizes will be reviewed and adjusted by The Food Bank on a monthly basis.
- MEFAP/USDA product will only be available (per a program's case limit) if it is in stock, and will be offered on a first come, first served basis through our online ordering system. Programs are not guaranteed access to particular products.
- USDA product case limits will vary based on agency size, current inventory, and regional service gaps.
- Products will not be held or reserved and unused limits cannot be carried over into the next month.
- As funding, pricing, and service numbers change, The Food Bank reserves the right to change limits for any product/category.
- MEFAP/USDA must be distributed free of any charges, service, or prayer requirements.
- Programs that receive MEFAP or USDA products are prohibited from requiring Photo ID or Social Security Numbers (full or partial) in order for clients to access food. It is prohibited to deny food to TEFAP or MEFAP participants if they refuse to reveal any information that is not a requirement of TEFAP or MEFAP.
- While TEFAP recipients must meet certain eligibility requirements (see p. 42-45), there are no eligibility restrictions for MEFAP food. All guests are therefore eligible for MEFAP food, and MEFAP food may not be denied on the basis on income or residency. Guests residing outside a program's service area must be provided food, though they may also be referred to food access resources in their own community.

Meal Program, Shelter Size	Service Visits Monthly Average	HAMPDEN Case Limit for each MEFAP CARBS item	HAMPDEN Case Limit for each MEFAP DAIRY MEFAP PROTEIN MEFAP FRUVEG item	NON-HAMPDEN	
				Case limit for each MEFAP CARBS item	Case limit for each MEFAP DAIRY MEFAP PROTEIN MEFAP FRUVEG item
XSMALL	0 - 99	3	6	3	4
SMALL	100 - 249	3	7	3	6
MEDIUM	250 - 749	8	17	6	11
LARGE	750 - 2,499	10	23	9	17
XLARGE	2,500 - 4,999	15	32	12	21
XX LARGE	5,000+	23	51	15	28
Pantry Size	Total Individuals Monthly Average	HAMPDEN Case Limit for each MEFAP CARBS item	HAMPDEN Case Limit for each MEFAP DAIRY MEFAP PROTEIN MEFAP FRUVEG item	NON-HAMPDEN	
				Case limit for each MEFAP CARBS item	Case limit for each MEFAP DAIRY MEFAP PROTEIN MEFAP FRUVEG item
XSMALL	0 - 49	4	10	3	6
SMALL	50 - 149	7	15	4	8
MEDIUM	150 - 399	10	23	8	14
LARGE	400 - 799	15	34	13	24
XLARGE	800 - 1,499	19	42	15	28
XXLARGE	1,500 - 2,999	28	61	22	39
XXX LARGE	3,000+	40	87	31	56