



# Glossary of Terms



**Emergency food programs** – Food pantries, soup kitchens and emergency shelters that serve short-term residents.

**Feeding America** – formerly America’s Second Harvest, with headquarters in Chicago, Feeding America is the nation’s largest organization of emergency food providers. The Idaho Foodbank is a member of Feeding America.

**Food insecurity** – According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, means that all members of a household do not have access at all times to enough food for active, healthy lives.

**The Idaho Foodbank** – The state’s largest distributor of free emergency food, the Foodbank is a private 501(c)(3) corporation independent of government affiliation and is a member of the Feeding America network of food banks. It has warehouses in Boise, Lewiston and Pocatello and a network of over 220 partner agencies statewide, including local rescue missions, church pantries and soup kitchens. As it enters its 26th year, the Foodbank system has provided over 76 million pounds of food to hungry Idaho families since 1984. Its vision is that no one in Idaho will go hungry.

**The Idaho Foodbank network** – The 227 partner agencies across the state that deliver food directly to those in need.

**The Food Bank Network** – The Foodbank’s 227 partner agencies plus the agencies in the five northern counties served by the Second Harvest Food Bank of the Inland Northwest in Spokane.

**Partner agency** – A non-profit 501(c)(3) organization or church that has become part of The Idaho Foodbank’s service network and agrees to abide by the Foodbank’s agency agreement. Two primary requirements of this agreement include for the agency to provide safe storage and handling of the food, and to provide food directly to the recipient at no charge.

**TEFAP** – The Emergency Food Assistance Program. TEFAP is a program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture that helps supplement the diets of low-income Americans, including the elderly, by providing them with emergency food and nutrition assistance.

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