

Produce Market Distributions Program Overview



What is a Produce Market?

Produce Markets are giveaways of fresh food to low-income persons. Products are primarily produce, but may also include bread and dairy products. It is a mass distribution of a full truckload, which is about 10 pallets or 10,000 pounds of product, to families within a few hours after the delivery. Each truckload can feed between 200-300 families. Mid-Ohio Foodbank (MOF) works with partners to host the markets in their community.

Who can host a Produce Market?

Produce Markets can be hosted by any partner agency or non-agency that is an incorporated organization. Hosts must have enough physical space to accommodate a Mid-Ohio Foodbank box truck as well as a large volume of people. All partners must agree and sign off on a Site Use Agreement. All hosts are required to attend training prior to their market.

What are hosts required to do?

Hosts of Produce Markets are vital - they facilitate the distribution of food. Hosts recruit volunteers, advertise the market, and facilitate the general distribution. Hosts are required to sign and agree to the Site Use Agreement, which provides a complete description of the roles and responsibilities of both parties. Hosts must provide proper paperwork to MOF.

Who can receive food from a Produce Market?

Product is available to any family in need that is income eligible. Income eligibility is set at 200% of the Federal Poverty Line; income guidelines are below. All persons receiving food are required to sign a Sign-In Sheet provided by Mid-Ohio Foodbank each time they receive food. Hosts are required to retain all signed sheets and send a monthly statistical report to Mid-Ohio Foodbank.

Household Size	Yearly Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
1	\$23,339	\$1,944	\$448
2	\$31,459	\$2,621	\$604
3	\$39,579	\$3,298	\$761
4	\$47,699	\$3,974	\$917
5	\$55,819	\$4,651	\$1,073
6	\$63,939	\$5,328	\$1,229
7	\$72,059	\$6,004	\$1,385
8	\$80,179	\$6,681	\$1,541
9	\$88,299	\$7,358	\$1,698
<i>For each additional person add</i>	\$8,120	\$677	\$156