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To: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Home Sponsors
From: Suzanne Secor Parker, Consultant, Bureau of Nutrition and Health Services
Subject: Donated Meats in CACFP
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Replaces: CACFP Memo HP-2007-1 Wild Venison

Recent guidance from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) states that game animals may be donated if animals are slaughtered and inspected in a Federal inspected facility, State inspected program, or be from an approved source as established by the State and local regulatory authority that licenses and inspects food service operations.

Home providers participating in CACFP registered and monitored by the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), DHS is the State regulatory authority. DHS has indicated both purchased and donated meat may not be served in child care homes unless it is labeled USDA or State inspected.

Federally inspected facilities are those engaged in interstate commerce. Meat inspected in these facilities will bear a USDA logo. The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) Meat and Poultry Inspection Bureau inspects meat processing facilities operating within Iowa. State inspected meat will have a State logo with the establishment number on the package. All labeling with a Federal or State mark of inspection must go through a prior approval process that begins at the plant where the product is made and packaged. The labels must accurately reflect the product they describe.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources operates the Help Us Stop Unger (HUSH) program. Home providers cannot use venison donated from the HUSH program unless it bears a Federal or State mark of inspection.

Animals processed by the producer or at a custom locker may be marked "Not for Sale". These products may not be used in CACFP.

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