# Important Update for SNAP Recipients

## Potential Delays in November SNAP Benefits

In Alabama, a network of 8 food banks and 1,700+ local food pantries help bridge the gap for families and individuals facing hunger. The Alabama Department of Human Resources has provided guidance that USDA is suspending all November 2025 benefit allotments until federal funding is provided, or until USDA directs State agencies otherwise.

- Even though no new benefits will be issued during the suspension; individuals can still apply for SNAP benefits during this suspension.
- Current SNAP recipients must continue to recertify, report, and submit documentation as usual so that benefits can be issued promptly once funding resumes.

### **Need Food Now? We Can Help**

Feeding Alabama and our statewide network of food banks and pantries are here for you.



Find a food pantry near you: <a href="feedingalabama.org/need-help/">feedingalabama.org/need-help/</a>



Need help applying for SNAP benefits or finding a food pantry? Call the Benefits Enrollment Center at 1-877-833-2550







#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### Feeding Alabama: Supporting Our Communities During Uncertain Times

Alabama - October 28, 2025 — Feeding Alabama and its eight Feeding America food banks, together with over 1,700 partner agencies, are stepping up to ensure families in need continue to be served during this uncertain time. With 750,000 Alabamians relying on SNAP for food assistance and 62,000 federal employees in Alabama facing uncertainty, many families and workers are experiencing added stress. Our network is preparing to provide food and support to those in need, ensuring communities continue to be served with all available resources.

#### Our Network and Its Response

Last year, Alabama's food banks distributed over 90 million pounds of food to community partners, and they continue to see food insecurity rising. According to Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap, more than 833,000 Alabamians, including nearly 250,000 children, struggle with hunger. Many families are facing uncertainty, including job and paycheck losses, and thousands risk losing SNAP benefits due to recent federal program suspensions.

Our network is taking proactive steps to meet growing demand by:

- Coordinating with partners in impacted communities to ensure resources reach those most in need.
- Reviewing incoming food supplies, and planning ahead, particularly for the holidays, a time of higher need.
- Ensuring staff and volunteers are ready to respond to challenges as they arise.

While we anticipate lines will grow and demand will increase if funding is not restored, we are committed to doing everything we can to ease these burdens.

To help families during this uncertain time, we have included a flyer with key resources. It highlights Feeding Alabama's Food Finder, which connects individuals to local food pantries across all 67 counties. The flyer also includes information about the Benefits Enrollment Center, which provides personalized assistance with screening and applying for federal nutrition programs, including SNAP.

#### How You Can Help

Feeding Alabama encourages the public to donate or volunteer with your local food bank. This is the work our network does every day, responding to disasters and helping families in need. Together, we can help bridge the gap for families facing hunger.

If you or someone you know needs food assistance, please visit our Food Finder at <a href="https://feedingalabama.org/need-help/">https://feedingalabama.org/need-help/</a>



To locate a nearby pantry. For help applying for food benefits or finding resources, contact the Benefits Enrollment Center at 1-877-833-2550.

#### **About Feeding Alabama**

Feeding Alabama works to end hunger by assisting the food bank network in obtaining more food and funds, fostering public awareness of the food banks' mission, and creating partnerships to help alleviate hunger in Alabama. Every day, the eight food banks in Alabama partner with a statewide network of food donors, emergency food pantries, and soup kitchens to provide food to hungry people. Fighting hunger requires significant funding for every step of the process—from acquiring food, to storing the food, to transporting the food to people in need. Learn more at feedingalabama.org.

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