

TEFAP Talking Points

- We are urging Congress to support an additional \$900 million in funding to USDA for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) in the FY2022 federal spending bill.
 - The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a federal program that helps supplement the diets of low-income Americans by providing them with emergency food assistance at no cost.
 - USDA provides 100% American-grown USDA Foods and administrative funds to states to operate TEFAP.
 - Over the last two years, The North Texas Food Bank, along with the network of food pantries who receive food from our warehouse, have seen more people than ever before turning to their local emergency food centers for fresh vegetables, milk, meat, and pantry staples.
 - To help food banks & food pantries meet the current need for food, Congress must provide additional funding for TEFAP food purchases, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) must quickly make these purchases from a variety of commodity suppliers.
 - Millions of families across the country depend on food banks & food pantries to help supplement their food purchases to provide nutritious meals to support a healthy lifestyle.
 - TEFAP makes it possible to meet the demand and is a win-win, helping both U.S. farmers and producers and our neighbors in need across the country.
 - We will continue to advocate for North Texans by strengthening our ability to provide high-quality, nutritious food assistance.