

Sportsmen Against Hunger 2010 Season Report

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Recent government figures show that food prices last year jumped 29%. Higher food costs, coupled with high unemployment and home foreclosure rates, means that more people are asking for help for themselves and their families. It's very welcome news, therefore, that our Sportsmen Against Hunger program enjoyed a record-breaking 2010 season. Total reported poundage as of publication deadline was **477,392** pounds, representing more than **1.9 million meals**.

In addition to the poundage itemized below by chapter, the Alamo San Antonio, Louisiana, Alabama and Magnolia Chapters distributed in their respective areas a combined total of 2,900 pounds of the frozen venison from the North American Handgun Hunters Chapter's generous annual donation to National, which was 3,575 pounds in 2009 and 2,629 pounds in 2010. Another 800 pounds of the 2010 donation was used by National for the 2011 Sportsmen Against Hunger Feast in Reno, where 1,300 meals were served.

In some areas, food-sharing programs other than Sportsmen Against Hunger prevail, but as the goal is the same, it is notable that for the third year in a row, the Chisholm Trail Chapter donated \$3,000 to Feed the Hungry; the Gateway Area Chapter presented a check for \$1,500 to Share the Harvest; the Great Plains Chapter gave \$1,000 to Kansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry; National Capital donated \$1,000 to Hunters for the Hungry and Southwest Ohio donated \$1,960 to that same program in their state; Chesapeake provided their customary annual \$1,000 to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry; and the Southern New Brunswick Chapter donated a moose hunt valued at \$4,500 to Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry.

The North Florida Chapter again donated \$500 to The Salvation Army in their area and Northeast Wisconsin conducted a food drive which yielded 425 pounds of goods for the Seymour Food Pantry. At our Southwest Washington Chapter, two October food drives resulted in 123 pounds of canned goods donated to H.O.P.E. (Help our People Eat) in Rainier, Washington. Along with their listed wild game meat donation, the Detroit Chapter also gave 25 pounds of canned goods to the Hope Center in McComb, and the Treasure Valley Chapter donated \$500 worth of turkeys to an Idaho homeless shelter. At their Christmas party, the Golden Gate Chapter collected toys and funds for the underprivileged, as well as funds which were donated to a charity called A Christmas for Everyone. As in previous years, the Alaska Kenai Chapter made a \$500 holiday season donation to their local food bank.

The Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger (MSAH)* program's total of 27,560 pounds provided to us by MSAH Board member Rich DeLisle is a statewide figure, as is the Minnesota figure provided by Don Liepold, and Oklahoma Station's 37,081 pounds. In Oklahoma, where the state DNR administers the food-sharing program, the chapter also provided them a \$2,000 donation.

Donation receipts** reported by meat processors included Kelly's Deer Processing, Michigan, with 8,841 pounds, including 500 pounds of "Jerky for the Troops", and Reliable Game Processing, Colorado, with 675 pounds.

During Marfood USA's April 1, 2011 promotion to kick off their Pemmican Beef Jerky Trail Campaign, they gave away to consumers one free bag of jerky every 20.11 seconds, then matched each bag with *two* bags donated to our Sportsmen Against Hunger program. This yielded 2,640 pounds of jerky which eight of our Michigan chapters split amongst themselves and promptly donated to local food banks.

At the final two *Hunt.Fish.Feed* initiatives held in cities across the country in conjunction with the Sportsman Channel, 216 pounds of wild game meat were served to the homeless and needy.

Once again, several chapters have provided updates to totals reported in previous years, thereby adjusting a couple of past season totals as follows: 2007 - 378,328 pounds; 2009 – 415,605 pounds.

Finally, kudos once again to our Greater Dacotah Chapter for 104,082 pounds collected for the statewide South Dakota Sportsmen Against Hunger program, surpassing even the 2009 total of 97,702 pounds!

CHAPTER	2010 LBS.
Adirondack-Catskill Chapter	800
Alabama Chapter	300
Alamo San Antonio Chapter	4,500
Arkansas Chapter	260
Badgerland Chapter	40,503
Central Missouri Chapter	27,633
Central New Jersey Chapter	4,400
Central Ohio Chapter	450
Central Washington Chapter	1,000
Chattanooga Area Chapter	125
Connecticut Chapter	150
Denver Chapter	871
Desert Chapter	160
Detroit Chapter	750
East Ohio-NW Penn Chapter	400
Flint Regional Chapter	3,005
Georgia Chapter	5,810
Golden Gate Chapter	310
Great Falls Montana Chapter	31,400
Greater Dacotah Chapter (<i>statewide</i>)	104,082
Houston Gulf Coast Chapter	500
Inland Empire Chapter	6,300
Iowa Chapter	1,625
Kansas City Chapter	1,200
Kentuckiana Chapter	62,900
Lakeshore Sportsmen Chapter	5,300
Lansing Area Chapter	2,720
Lehigh Valley Chapter	1,500
Maine Chapter	1,000
Michigan Chapter	2,740
Mid-Michigan Chapter	24,915
Minnesota Chapter (<i>statewide</i>)	18,540
National Capital Chapter	4,500
NC Triangle Chapter	200
NE Wisconsin Chapter	50
Nebraska Chapter	400
North American Handgun Hunters Chapter	2,629
North Florida Chapter	500
North Texas Chapter	640
Northeast Indiana Chapter	1,040
Northeast Michigan Chapter	700

Northern Alberta Chapter	700
Northern Nevada Chapter	200
Northwest Chapter	2,071
Ohio Chapter	1,200
Oklahoma Station Chapter (<i>statewide</i>)	37,081
Orange County Chapter	6,000
Ottawa Valley Chapter	250
Pittsburgh Chapter	1,220
Puget Sound Chapter	500
Rock River Valley Chapter	400
San Francisco Bay Area Chapter	750
Santiam River Chapter	180
South Florida Chapter	5,000
Southern New Mexico Chapter	825
Southwest Montana Chapter	8,371
Southwest Washington Chapter	1,000
Tallahassee Chapter	354
Texas Hill Country Chapter	2,750
Upper Colorado River Chapter	400
Utah Chapter	200
Western Montana Chapter	1,300
Michigan SAH Program* (<i>statewide</i>)	27,560
Meat Donation Receipts**	9,516
Hunt.Fish.Feed Events	216
Pemmican Beef Jerky Promotion	2,640
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