



# USDA Foods During a Disaster

## TDA Roles and Responsibilities

### Presidentially declared disaster or emergency



TDA has the authority to release USDA Foods for congregate feeding for as long as they are needed, and FNS guarantees replacement of the USDA Foods used.

### Congregate Meals



USDA Foods may be requested for use in congregate feeding when a disaster occurs. Organizations such as the Red Cross or Salvation Army prepare meals in large quantities for those affected by the disaster.



TDA documents items and quantity each time USDA Foods are withdrawn from warehouses.



TDA works with Disaster Feeding Organizations to encourage foods that support stress management.

### Steps for using USDA Foods in congregate feeding

1. Local governments and Disaster Feeding Organization contact State Operations Center at TxDPS requesting need for additional food.
2. State Operations Center contacts TDA to assess availability of USDA Foods.
3. TDA identifies USDA Foods available for congregate feeding.
4. TDA notifies USDA FNS of request for food resources.
5. If applying for household feeding, USDA FNS makes final decision on whether or not to approve application.

