



MSAH AFFILIATED PROCESSOR
GUIDELINES MANUAL

**UPDATED INFORMATION PLEASE
READ COMPLETELY**

HELPING FEED MICHIGAN'S FAMILIES IN NEED

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The Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger program is a 501c3 organization, ALL fund donations are tax deductible.

A brief history of MSAH

Since 1991, the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger (MSAH) has been working to facilitate the linkage between donors, wild game processors, and the charities that feed hungry individuals. MSAH is an organization dedicated to developing the resources and infrastructure necessary to channel nutritious high protein wild game meat donations to Food Banks, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters that feed the hungry in the local communities of Michigan.

The MSAH started contracting under the State of Michigan and its newly created Sportsmen Against Hunger Program in 2005 that contract ending 9/30/2024

MSAH was founded by: Safari Club International, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Ted Nugent United Sportsmen of America, the United Methodist Men’s Club, Michigan Bow Hunters Association, Food Bank Council of Michigan, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Other later participating organizations are: National Deer Association. Many other sporting organizations and individuals share in the concern for feeding the hungry of Michigan through their support of our mission.

Hunger in Michigan

This is why MSAH and your community need you! Processors like you throughout the state are coming to the aid of those who are hungry every day. The success of the MSAH processing program relies upon processors to join the fight against hunger and assist us in processing donated venison. The food banking network in Michigan has over 2500 agencies not_including many_church pantries, soup kitchens and shelters in every county.

Highlights of the Michigan Hunger 2022 Study:

14.2% or 1,423,000 people are food insecure - and of them 378,040 are children. Having to choose between funding for medicine, utilities or food, leaves them little hope.

That is **ONE in SEVEN** Michigan residents with **ONE in SIX** being a child.

- **Children_378,040 or 17.9%**
- **Older-adult-50-59_117,300 or 9.6%**
- **Senior-60 plus_167,700 or 6.5%**

Processor Reimbursements and Requirements

These guidelines were written and adapted in accordance with Feeding America_Guidelines for Wild Game Donation Programs. <chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.greatplainsfoodbank.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Wild-Game-Donation-Guideline.pdf>

Processor Reimbursement: For 2024 starting 10/01/2024 and ending 9/30/2025, MSAH will be reimbursing our wild game processors \$90 per donated, processed deer.

A. Facility Requirements

- a) Processor must sign the sanitation requirement checklist adopted from the MDARD sanitation requirements for processing wild game.

B. Food Safety & Processing

- a.) Included with this packet is the Processing Guide & Sanitation Requirements for Retail Food Establishments from the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Food & Dairy Division
- b.) **All processed venison packaging will have some identification that it is venison or wild game not for resale and the date processed,**
- c.) **All donated venison is to be ground and packaged into 1 to 5 lb. packages.**
- d.) Processors are not encouraged nor should they accept Road Salvage Deer or donations of game meat that was not processed at their facility or has been pre-processed by hunter or others. Ok,

Lead in Venison and processing of Carcasses :

You can take steps to keep lead contamination in venison to a minimum by following a few

guidelines:

1. Use care when selecting meat for grinding.
2. Do not use deer with excessive shot damage.
3. Trim a generous distance away from the bullet wound channel and discard any meat that is bruised, discolored, or contains hair, dirt, bone fragments or debris.

A Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development informational brochure is included in this packet for information.

C. Venison Donations

When donating whole deer, the Sportsman or woman do not have to pay for the processing of the donated deer to MSAH. The sportsmen or sportswomen can keep the antlers, cape, or entire hide for mounting from the deer they donate. Make sure to ask the donor before processing what they want or need for mounting. There are two ways in which someone can help MSAH:

1. **Donating the entire deer** to the program. There are no charges to the sportsmen or sportswomen.
2. If someone wants to make a cash donation to MSAH, refer them to our website at www.sportsmenagainsthunger.org Please DO NOT accept donations on behalf of the MSAH.

D. Voucher/Processing Reimbursement:

No cost of processing a donated deer will be passed on to the sportsmen or sportswomen who donate a deer.

MSAH will pay \$90 per donated, processed deer MSAH for the inconvenience of our processors for processing Deer Management Harvests during regular scheduling of other butchering.

For you to be reimbursed for processing you will need to fill out the Electronic copy OR hard copy voucher that has been provided to you by September 29, 2025 *If* you need processor vouchers please contact the MSAH Processor Coordinator at msahunger@gmail.com. Follow the steps to filling out the portions stating:

- non-profit organization making venison pick up.
- Pick up contact #
- Pick up date.
- Total payment for processing at \$90 per donated, processed deer. Or unless other payment provisions have been made.
- If sending vouchers via email, please send the electronic copy of the voucher, image taken or a scan to msahunger@gmail.com with the subject line reading MSAH Processor Payment.
- If sending a hard copy via USPS, please make sure you send to this address:
MSAH, 2101 Wood Street, Lansing, MI. 48912

ANNUAL PROCESSOR INFORMATION FORM SUBMISSION

Please fill out the “Processor Information/Contact Sheet” (page 6) and mail via USPS or Email to the MSAH Processor Coordinator listed at the bottom of that sheet scan, take a photo with your cell phone. A representative from Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger will contact you to confirm your information and to answer any of your questions.

Thank You

Without YOUR support and generosity families throughout Michigan would not be able to put a meal on their table. It has even been estimated that people are missing as many as 7 meals a week in your community and our state as a total. Everyone in Michigan should have access to good, healthy food every day. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact MSAH, a contact sheet has been provided for you in this packet.

Again, Thank You for your support of our program and for helping those who are hungry in your community and our state.

Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger 2024-2025 Board Members

To contact the M.S.A.H email to msahunger@gmail.com

Please fill out the information below. This will assist us in keeping our records up to date and the ability to contact you when there any changes to our program. ~Thank you~

MSAH PROCESSOR APPLICATION

Business Name:
Contact Name:
Address:
City, State & Zip:
Phone Number:
Fax Number:
Email:

Please provide us with the following information:

1.) Have you ever collected from MSAH before? Yes or No

If **yes**, beginning what year _____

2.) Your license number/processing number/custom exempt number _____

3.) Are you insured? Yes or No

If **yes** who is your carrier: _____

4) Is your business inspected? Yes or No

If **yes** by who: _____

5) How do you package your ground venison?

Double wrapped butcher paper Vacuum pack Freezer game bag chubs Other

If you are already providing a local pantry ground venison donations please let us know their name/address/phone number. If you are not working with someone right now leave this blank

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USPS Mail this form to: MSAH Processor Coordinator, MSAH 2101 Wood Street, Lansing, MI. 48912. **Email it to:** msahunger@gmail.com *Thank you for your time, your efforts and your commitment to help with the fight against hunger in each of our communities.*