



MSAH October 2024 Update

- Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger (MSAH) is an all-volunteer 501(C3) organization dedicated to supplying venison to help feed the hungry people of Michigan. We are supported by ten Safari Club International chapters, Michigan Bow Hunters Assoc., Michigan United Conservations Clubs, the Food Bank Council of Michigan, National Deer Assoc., and Ted Nugent's United Sportsmen of America.
- Since 2005 MSAH has contracted to administer the Sportsmen Against Hunger program for the Michigan Dept of Natural Resources (MDNR). As of September 30, 2024 the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger contract with the MDNR Sportsmen Against Hunger program expired and was not renewed.
- During the 2023-24 season over 113,000 lbs. of venison was distributed by MSAH and since its beginning over 1,000,000 lbs. of venison has provided over 4,000,000 nourishing meals to thankful people in our communities.
- Up to September 30, 2024, funding from generous donations made by individuals during the purchase of hunting and fishing licenses has paid the cost of processing and distribution of this venison.
- The likely new contractor is expected to be the Food Bank Council of Michigan (FBCM).
- This means that MSAH will no longer be funded by Hunting and Fishing license application donations so therefore funding for MSAH from the MDNR collected donations will be minimal or non-existent.
- Venison donated and processed through the MDNR program by hunters or farmers with crop damage harvest permits will continue to be collected and then x-rayed for metal contamination, chronic wasting disease and bovine tuberculosis. Following these examinations the venison will be distributed through the FBCM network of seven food banks to participating charities.
- MSAH has agreed to support the FBCM as they work with the MDNR Sportsmen Against Hunger program in an advisory and promotional capacity helping to create awareness of the program and local promotion for venison processors.
- MSAH will continue as an all-volunteer 501(C3) organization continuing to provide nutritious venison to the hungry people of Michigan.
- The internal MSAH organization is currently under restructuring to adapt to these changes.
- In addition to our support for the FBCM effort to provide venison to their participating charities MSAH will also offer an additional opportunity for donors and processors who wish to maintain local control of the donated venison and keep it in their own communities.
- MSAH recognizes that there are many deer processors across Michigan that do an excellent job of handling venison for their customers and friends but who may not be regularly inspected by the Michigan Dept of Agriculture or the USDA. MSAH will work with respected and reputable local deer processors who have charitable groups in their community who they want to support that need a reliable source of venison.
- MSAH will provide as much financial assistance as possible through donations from our supporters to the processors coupled with creating awareness of the important contributions these processors and our financial supporters are making to their community.
- All processor reimbursements and public awareness efforts including MSAH communications will be credited to our financial supporters.
- The MSAH website will be maintained for information and acceptance of financial donations, however, the MSAH hotline is discontinued.
- Please help Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger to continue to feed the needy people of Michigan by contributing financial support and donating a deer.
- Financial contributions may be made by visiting www.sportsmenagainsthunger.org and clicking on the Donate button or by sending a check to **M.S.A.H, 2101 WOOD ST. LANSING, MI. 48912**