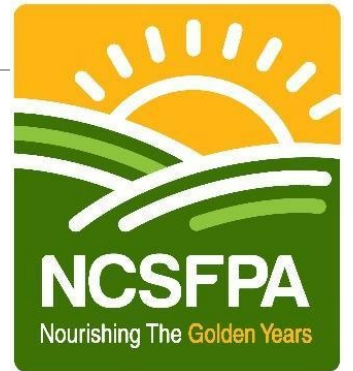


CSFP Program Operations During Federal Shutdown

AGENCY SURVEY SUMMARY – OCTOBER 2025



Summary of Key Operational Challenges

76 responses from 29 states + DC

CSFP current operation status:

- 72 fully operational
- 4 partly operational due to lack of food/funding

Do you plan to continue operating your CSFP program during the shutdown?

- No, we plan to pause or stop distribution: 1
- Yes, unsure: 2 (dependent on food/funding)
- Yes, but only for a limited time: 9
- Yes, for the foreseeable future: 66

If you plan to stop or pause CSFP operations, when do you anticipate this will happen?

- After 2-3 months: 11
- After 1 month or less: 9

How long can your agency continue CSFP operations without federal support or reimbursement?

- < 1 week: 4
- 1-2 weeks: 2
- 2-4 weeks: 7
- > 4 weeks: 34

The main challenges reported by CSFP agencies:

- Lack of food supply: 34
- Delayed reimbursements/funding: 20

What Agencies Are Saying: Additional Comments

- As long as we have food to pack the boxes for our caseload we will operate as normal (Kansas)
- Delayed reimbursements and lack of food supply could be a concern if this continues for an extended period. But we are OK for the time being (Colorado)
- **If CSFP is not funded our food bank will shut down because it is the only source of income our food bank uses (Colorado)**
- **One agency will likely not be able to continue distributing in November without reimbursement. They serve approximately 4100 of our 9,999-state caseload (New Mexico)**
- Our local agency is committed to continue running the program as long as inventory holds. Right now, we are estimating continuing the program for up to 2 months (Utah)
- **Our PRAC would not be able to buy food to give away (Alabama)**

What Agencies Are Saying: Additional Comments

- **The Federal shutdown coupled with the state budget impasse in Pennsylvania is unprecedented and placing a tremendous strain on already stretched resources and food supply (Pennsylvania)**
- We are doing our very best to assure that all people are being fed with or without the Government funding support. It will be a challenge, but we will do all that we can (Pennsylvania)
- **We have clients who rely on their distribution every 6 weeks. Without it, they will go hungry... I already have clients that are in a panic over the possibility we won't have a distribution on 10/15 (Montana)**
- We are receiving our truck that is coming on Oct. 9, but we do not have funds to pay staff without government funding (Nebraska)
- “...without CSFP boxes provided to us by the Community Food Bank, through this Federal program we will not be able to continue the program” (Alabama)

What Agencies Are Saying: Additional Comments

- We have three months on hand. After that, we will have to pause (Tennessee)
- We will continue program operations as long as we are able and will shift operations, as needed, based on future communications received from NCDA (North Carolina)
- **We are concerned that foodbank supplies may be reduced at a time when the need is the greatest (Alabama)**
- While our food bank plans ahead and orders enough inventory to run CSFP for 2-3 months at any given time, our caseload waiting list continues to grow in the midst of caseload reductions and funding cuts (Alabama)
- Delay of reimbursement /funding would cause us to shut down operations (Nebraska)