

**Hunger is a big problem.
Together, we can solve it.**



FOODBANK
OF IOWA

HUSH

HUSH (Help Us Stop Hunger) is a collaborative effort among Iowa deer hunters, Iowa's food banks, and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Through this program, we accomplish two goals:

- Provide high-quality protein to Iowans struggling with hunger
- Help manage Iowa's deer population

Last hunting season, hunters donated more than 3,000 deer, providing more than 600,000 meals for our neighbors in need! When a participating hunter wants to make a donation, he or she takes a legally harvested deer to a participating meat locker, where the deer is dressed and converted into ground venison. Two-pound tubes of frozen ground venison are distributed through Iowa food banks to food pantries, soup kitchens, and other emergency food providers.

Program Details

- All deer hunters have a deer permit to harvest deer, whether or not they donate the deer to HUSH. Donated deer must be tagged before being transported, just as any other harvested deer.
- Any legally-taken, wild Iowa deer from any season and any sex may be donated at any one of the lockers shown on the HUSH Locker List map.
- Hunters must donate the whole deer.
- Deer must be field dressed; lockers prefer a clean carcass without mud on the hide.
- Lockers also prefer the carcass not be frozen.
- Deer hunters must fill out a Hunter HUSH Card at the locker for each deer being donated.
- HUSH does not accept road killed deer.
- Lockers cannot require hunters to skin or bone HUSH deer.
- There is no additional fee to be paid at the locker.

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