

In your state, what are the barriers to food access in rural areas? Please write your state name on the bottom of your "post it".

Transportation  
- Ohio

Closing meal sites for low income adults 60+. -Iowa

lack of fresh produce  
-MI

Weather in the UP-MI

small/low population GA

Limited Grocery Stores

No grocery stores, limited types of produce (poor quality) in other stores available, price too high, and lack of awareness or time to prepare fresh produce. We call this "Find, Afford, Choose, and Use" on our HLP program in Oklahoma

local grocery stores have closed  
-Michigan

Water access-MI

small populations of people cannot support the cost of grocery stores - South Carolina

Lack of grocery stores, food banks  
---Illinois

Lack of accessible transportation. GA

Cost-MI

Many grocery stores have closed or continue to close - Iowa

Inability to aggregate purchase power-MI

Long distances to get to farmers markets in rural areas or the hours are not convenient to working families - Iowa

Limited grocery stores in rural areas. Mississippi

Transportation-Mississippi

lack of strong distribution systems - South Carolina

limited/no grocery stores

Senior food systems closed.-Mississippi

Food pantries with very limited hours in rural areas. - Iowa

Inability to aggregate food-MI

Distance -MI

Lack of people to staff stores, healthcare, etc. -Iowa

Limit on quality foods-Mississippi

Lack of quality or overpriced produce at local stores

Transportation --Illinois

Limited fresh produce and culturally appropriate foods --Illinois

Proximity to affordable high-quality groceries is really far compared to urban/suburban areas

Which groups are most impacted by food and nutrition insecurity in rural areas of your state? (E.g Veterans, African-Americans, Individuals with Disabilities, etc. )

households without a vehicle - South Carolina

those without a vehicle and those who live alone--LA

Persons of color

veterans

older adults

Older adults - Iowa

African americans and elderly

Native Americans-MI

Children and Seniors-Oklahoma

Low income-MS

Single men-MI

Black and Brown communities-MS

Low income individuals-Iowa

Native and Indigenous communities

low resourced families/communities GA

households with low income-MI

Oklahoma - Agree with many of these listed! No additions

Children living below the poverty level-MS

# In your state, what is being done to address hunger and food and nutrition insecurity among rural residents?

**Adaption of CSA's**

**Community gardens feeding directly to pantries -- Illinois**

State legislature just passed a snap double up buck programs--825k--LA

Regional food system working groups. Updating the Iowa food plan. -Iowa

public and private funders coming together to support nutrition security initiatives - South Carolina

**Expansion of FoodShare - SC**

**Expanding food pantries and food banks-MS**

The food bank association is trying to implement more mobile food pantries to get to the rural areas. - Iowa

**all the strategies listed in the poll-MI**

**mobile produce markets GA**

**Micro markets-MI**

**Food-hubs-MI**

Iowa Cafe's (meal sites at restaurants/special menus) for adults 60+ -Iowa

Our SPINE project :) ... Also- Increasing SNAP enrollment in rural areas, increasing Double Up Oklahoma partners in rural town grocery stores

**Partnership development with food systems-MS**

Mobile food pantries, building up partner programs and food banks rural distribution routes. -- Oklahoma

SC Food Policy Council committees to address multiple components (local food policy councils, nutrition security screening in health care, community design for access to healthy foods, etc.) - South Carolina

USDA recipient agencies working together to enhance services - South Carolina

# If funding and capacity wasn't an issue, what do you think your organization should do to address food and nutrition insecurity in rural areas?

**Delivery of food to those who can't drive. - Iowa**

**Fund even more PSE changes that address food insecurity -Iowa**

**Produce prescription/delivery of F/V - Iowa**

**Home delivery of Medically Tailored meals**

**Provide incentives to small farmers or local communities to grow food to distribute to families. - Iowa**

**propose a Governor's task force that would be funded and staffed to prioritize nutrition security as an economic driver to pull all resources together and maximize solutions - South Carolina**

**Pay a thriving wage, subsidies for traveling to purchase food**

**Build nice grocery stores in rural areas and pay all staff a living wage , also hold nutrition classes and have the grocery store serve as a community hub -OK**

**Invest in the entire food chain, the system is broken - MI**

**more fresh produce stores in more neighborhoods --Illinois**

**pop up food distribution sites within walking distance of residential areas**

**Summer Meals EBT for all families with school-age children**