



CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA: **THE FARM BILL**

American food policies should provide for poor and hungry people here and abroad, offer effective support for those who grow our food, ensure fairness to family farmers and ranchers while building up rural communities, and promote good stewardship of the land.

Catholic Charities agencies serve 8 million people with prepared food services and food distribution services providing 33 million meals through many federal programs

CCUSA PRIORITIES

- **Oppose efforts to weaken efficiency or access to SNAP**
- **Strengthen SNAP by improving outreach and streamline enrollment**
- **Include case management to improve access to living wage jobs**
- **Authorize \$350 million for TEFAP & \$100 million for distribution funds**

SNAP OVERVIEW

- SNAP remains the nation's first line of defense against hunger. The program's strength lies in its effectiveness to expand or contract depending on the need. As economic conditions improve SNAP's caseload decreases.
- SNAP served 41 million people in 2017, a 1.5 million decrease from the year prior. For millions of families who receive SNAP there remains a gap between benefits and other family resources to purchase food, leading to food budget shortfalls and increased food insecurity.
- SNAP lifted 3.6 million Americans out of poverty in 2016.

TEFAP & CSFP OVERVIEW

- TEFAP helps supplement the diets of low-income Americans, including elderly people, by providing them with emergency food assistance at no cost. These distribution agencies are typically food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens and other community-based agencies. TEFAP foods are an essential resource for food banks across the country as the demand for food remains high.
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program provides nutritious food boxes to more than 700,000 low-income seniors each month. Currently 49 states and the District of Columbia are scheduled to participate in the program in 2018. CSFP helps to combat the poor health conditions often found in seniors who are experiencing food insecurity and are at risk for hunger.



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SNAP FOOD FACTS

1.5%

The SNAP trafficking rate continues to make SNAP one of the lowest fraud rates for Federal programs

77%

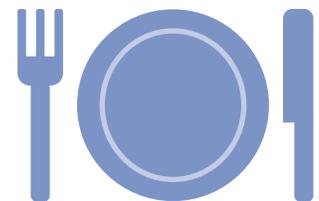
The number of households with one or more workers. In fact, 84% of all SNAP benefits go to households with a child, or person with a disability.



TEFAP FOOD FACTS

12.3%

The amount of the dollar producers receive through TEFAP purchases from bonus commodity purchases. While only 16 cents of retail food dollars go back to the farmer.



CFSP FOOD FACTS

1 in 12

households with seniors are at risk of hunger.

53%

Hunger rate of seniors 60 or older has increased since 2001.

