



GEORGIA WILDLIFE FEDERATION

Georgia Hunters For The Hungry 2013-14 and 2014-14 Deer Seasons Biennial Report, January 31, 2015

The Georgia Wildlife Federation restored Georgia Hunters For The Hungry (GHFTH) to a sponsored, ground venison donation program for the 2013-14 deer hunting season. This program enhancement was made possible through generous support of corporate sponsors and partnership with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) and the Georgia Food Bank Association (GFBA). In the 2011-12 and 2012-13 deer hunting seasons, GHFTH operated on a “Drop-Back-A-Pack” model. GWF asked hunters to leave a package of processed venison (processing expenses paid by the donating hunter) to be provided to local food banks by the cooperating processor. Donated amounts of venison in 2011 and 2012 are unknown but generally recognized to be well below traditional donation amounts resulting from earlier promoted and sponsored years for GHFTH. These reductions unfortunately coincided with the economic downturn when donations of high quality protein to food banks were much needed.

Prior to the 2013-14 deer hunting season, twelve licensed, red meat processors were contracted for accepting and processing hunter-killed deer. A thirteenth processor was added because of a mid-season donation from the Central Georgia EMC Foundation. Four of the 13 processors failed to deliver ground venison to food banks; four delivered amounts lower than those allocated; and five met or exceeded expectations.

2013-14 Venison Totals by Processor and Statewide

Processor	Location	Pounds Ground Venison
Barlow's Meat Processing	Columbus	1,000
Buck Deer Processing	Leesburg	0
Daffin's Meat Processing	Columbus	2,071
Garners Grinder	Sparta	863
JJ's Deer Processing	Baldwin	0
K&K Processing	Naylor	0
Lee Processing	Leesburg	0
Lee's Processing	Axson	947
Mossey Creek Outdoors	Americus	1,006

Sealey's Deer Cooler	Jefferson	1,930
Starley's Deer Processing	Irwinton	1,105
Stewart's Quality Meats	Vidalia	2,817
Zoeller Deer Processing	Springfield	737
Totals	Statewide	12,476

For the 2014-15 deer hunting season, nine licensed, red meat processors were contracted for accepting and processing hunter-killed deer. Two processors were added mid-season. Three of the 11 processors failed to deliver ground venison to food banks; the others met expectations.

2014-15 Venison Totals by Processor and Statewide

Processor	Location	Pounds Ground Venison
Apple Valley	Athens	0
Barlow's Meat Processing	Columbus	1,266
Daffin's Meat Processing	Columbus	2,319
Garners Grinder	Sparta	1,122
Holifield's Deer Processing	Covington	396
Mossey Creek Outdoors	Americus	493
Starley's Deer Processing	Irwinton	1,674
Steve Bishop's	Covington	610
Stewart's Quality Meats	Vidalia	5,004
Wildlife Deer Processing	Juliette	0
Zoeller Deer Processing	Springfield	1,941
Totals	Statewide	14,825

Historical GHFTH Program Totals

Year	Pounds Ground Venison	Running Program Total
1993	5,529	5,529
1994	3,912	9,441
1995	8,944	18,385
1996	7,031	25,416
1997	6,709	32,125
1998	9,406	41,531
1999	7,260	48,791
2000	7,764	56,555
2001	19,690	76,245
2002	19,701	95,946
2003	23,901	119,847
2004	25,917	145,764
2005	24,741	170,505
2006	28,819	199,324
2007	28,615	227,939
2008	29,834	257,883
2009	30,400	288,283

2010	25,000	313,283
2011	Unknown, limited	313,283
2012	Unknown, limited	313,283
2013	12,476	325,759
2014	14,825	340,584

Over this reporting period, an estimated 136,505 meals were provided through GHFTH. Over the life of the GHFTH program meals provided now exceeds 1.6 million.

2013-14 Distribution

Through six regional food banks, Hunters For The Hungry impacted 121 of Georgia's 159 counties. See attached map.

2014-15 Distribution

Through six regional food banks, Hunters For The Hungry impacted 131 of Georgia's 159 counties. The deer processor in northeast Georgia withdrew from the program. Processors were added near the Atlanta area. The Georgia Wildlife Federation will recruit deer processors near north Georgia food banks to facilitate 100% coverage of the State for the 2015-16 deer hunting season. See attached map.

2013-15 Financial Report

Revenues

Grant Description	2013 Grant	2014 Grant
Grant, Wal-Mart	\$35,000	
Grant, Central Georgia EMC	\$1,500	\$1,500
Grant, Snapping Shoals EMC		\$500
Grant, Bi-Lo Holdings		\$25,000
GWF General Funds	\$484	\$9,077
Total Grants & Contributions	\$36,984	\$36,077

Expenses

Description	GHFTH - 2013	GHFTH - 2014
Meat Processing	\$18,705	\$22,238
GWF Staff	\$6,500	\$8,624
Prog. Outreach & Advertising	\$5,000	\$1,609
Hunter Information & Adver.	\$6,770	\$3,606
Total Expenditures	\$36,984	\$36,077

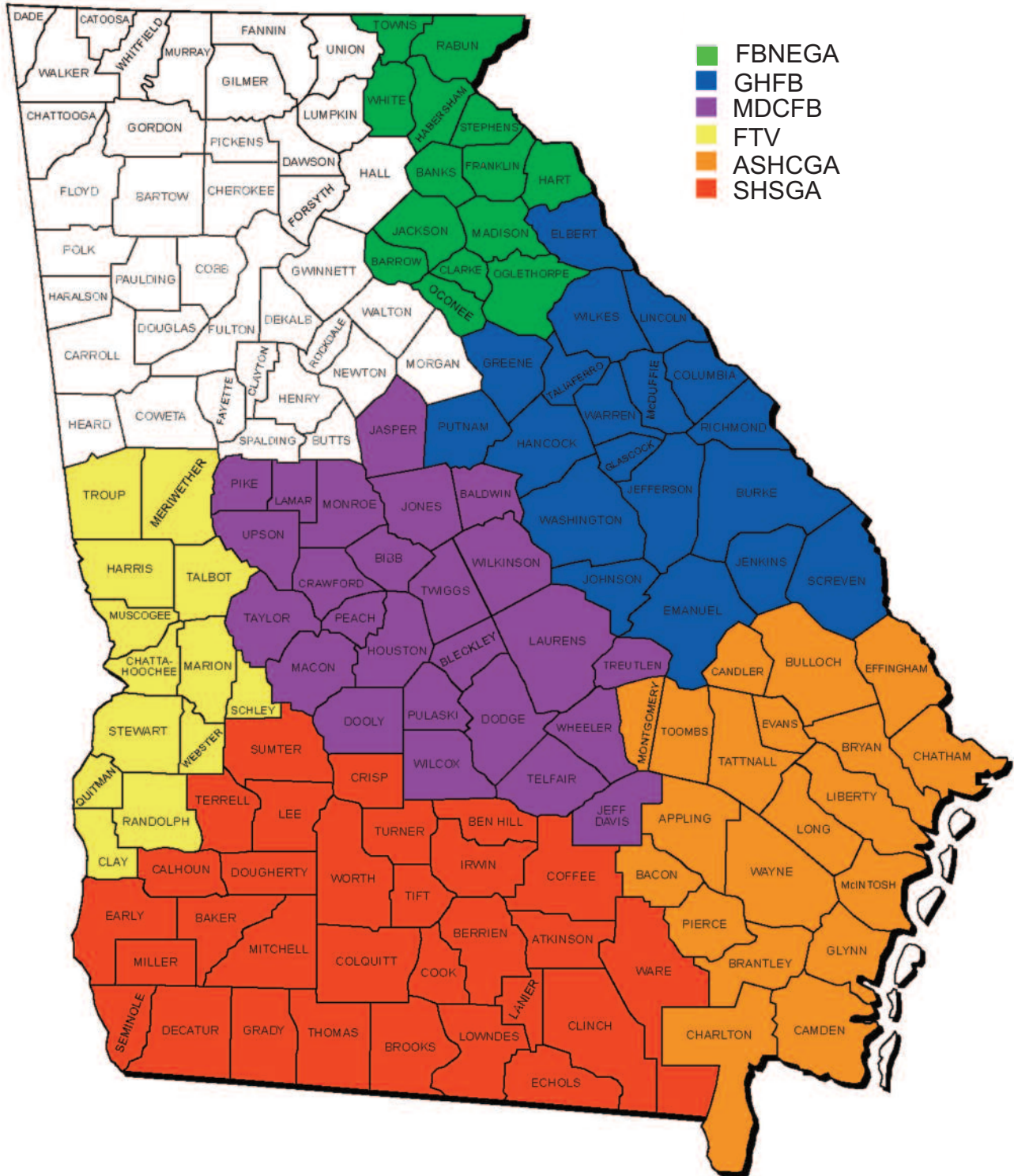
Summary

Success of Georgia Hunters for the Hungry depends upon effective partnerships. WRD provides lists of licensed deer processors. WRD also publishes the selected processors, who also serve as deer donation/collection sites for participating hunters, in their annual guide to hunting seasons and regulations and through social media outlets. GFBA coordinates with local food

banks and GWF. GWF raises funds, contracts and coordinates with deer processors, and promotes the program through its annual magazine, *Georgia Wildlife*, *The Call* (quarterly newsletter), the *Sportsmen's Connection* (published biannually), news releases, and social media outlets.

Georgia's hunters generously provided deer to feed hungry Georgians. These donations, supplement the most difficult staple for food banks to stock, protein. The difficulties experienced with well intentioned "Drop-Back-A-Pack" donations, where hunters provided both the venison and the processing costs, demonstrated the need for sponsored processing. GHFTH would not be possible without grants and charitable donations of corporate sponsors. GWF thanks Wal-Mart, Bi-Lo's, Harveys Supermarket, Central Georgia EMC, Snapping Shoals EMC, and GWF members for making this important community program possible.

2013 Georgia Hunters for the Hungry



Food Bank of Northeast Georgia (FBNEGA); Golden Harvest Food Bank (GHFB); America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia (ASHCGA); Middle Georgia Community Food Bank (MDCFB); Second Harvest of South Georgia (SHSGA); Feeding the Valley (FTV)

