



An UPDATE for PARTNERS of FEED MY PEOPLE



Are you fluent in Spanish?

Are you, or someone you know, fluent in Spanish? We have a few documents we'd like translated into Spanish to be able to better communicate with our Spanish speaking neighbors. If you are able to help us out, please contact Lisa @ 715.835.9415 ext. 108 or lisa@fmpfoodbank.org.

Be In The Know



Are you in need on a new refrigerator or freezer? FMP is participating in Whirlpool's *Feel Good Fridge Program*.

We are partnering with Whirlpool and the *Feel Good Fridge Program* to help fight food insecurity in a sustainable way with a network of refurbished refrigerators and freezers and are in search of potential host locations for them. If your agency is interested, please reach out to Lisa @ 715.835.9415 ext. 108 or lisa@fmpfoodbank.org and she will send you an interest form to get you started!

Hear from the first FMP Partner who participated in this program:



"We were thrilled to learn of the *Feel Good Fridge Program* through Feed My People and be the first to receive 2 brand new Whirlpool refrigerators for our food pantry here at the CDC Outreach Office. The whole process was very easy and working with Alec, the sales manager at Whirlpool was great! Having these new, larger refrigerators will help us in assisting our community with any food insecurities they may be facing."

-Karri Pitsavas
CDC Outreach Office
Homeless Services Coordinator

Food Safety Spot

Do you have questions on "expiration dates?"

Originally government agencies came up with "expiration date" and used that term until it was discovered how many people were tossing still edible food because it was 'expired'. New replacement terms were coined, such as Best By Date (BBD) and Use By Date (UBD), among other terms, which are basically interchangeable.

The government knows food doesn't magically go bad at the stroke of midnight on their "expiration date" so has allowed date extensions to be applied to the majority of food items.

Extensions are the amount of time a food is known to still be good after the date on the container.

E.g., when you buy cereal and see the BBD was several months prior, you'll still smell it or taste a piece to make sure it's good...and it would normally be fine (unless there was hole in the bag so it went stale, or insects had gotten to it, etc.).

So, the extension on cereal is 12 months, which is fine for the majority of cereal out there.

Currently, the only foods that actually have a real expiration date are baby formula and baby food. The government has not allowed a date extension for baby formula or food.

All other foods have BBD's or UBD's and those only mean the date by which the manufacturer knows the food will have the best flavor or quality, not that it's bad to eat.

As always, when in doubt, toss it out.

Here are links to a few other resources found on our webpage, found by clicking on *Network Partners* and looking under Agency Info (FOOD SAFETY).

[Click here for a Food Dating Guide](#)

[Click here for Safe and Healthy: Food Product Dating](#)

[Click here for Food Safety Sake: Keep or Toss?](#)

Product Highlight



Summer FRESH Produce Options!

Enjoy some of the freshest produce of the season!

CWPA=Central WI Produce Auction (P701635, .20 per pound)

VERY fresh (field to us then you)! Be careful of ordering large quantities. This comes from a produce auction, so you could get 6 different items or you could get 1 as all varieties of produce purchased through this source will be given the same product ID.

LFPA=Local Farmers Produce Association (DN701636, FREE)

Also quite fresh (just a couple of days picked). Again, be careful of ordering large quantities. We will not know what kind of variety we will be getting each delivery and all produce through this source will be given the same product ID.

For both of these options, this is the freshest produce we'll ever have! We will be getting what is in season, which is why we caution you to be mindful of your ordering quantity. Please only order the poundage needed for your next distribution, so everyone can take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for fresh produce grown right here in Wisconsin.

Quick Reminder on Warehouse Customer Pick Up Hours:

Our *regular* Monday-Friday warehouse customer pick up hours are:
8:30 - 11am and 12 - 3pm

Once a month FMP has an All-Staff meeting. This meeting is usually on a Thursday but will vary occasionally. *All-Staff meeting days the warehouse will be closed longer (10:30am-12:30pm) over the lunch hour to accommodate our meeting.* On staff meeting days only, hours for customer pick up will be modified to 8:30-10:30am and 12:30-3pm.

If you are planning on picking up an order between 10:30 and 12:30, we encourage you to call prior to heading over to ensure we will be available to assist you.

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