

Another year has flown by and hunting season is upon us and it's my turn to pen this report.

After much study and discussion the South Dakota Sportsmen Against Hunger (SDSAH) Board elected to end mandatory testing of donated animals for CWD. The logistics of testing before processing proved to be daunting and caused the processors much difficulty. CWD has not infected humans as "Mad Cow Disease" did in the 1990's. All of the meat distributed now has a disclaimer stating it has not been tested.

Even with this change our total donation to Feeding South Dakota was about 20,000 pounds roughly equal to last year. Donations included deer, elk, antelope, geese, pheasants, and walleyes.

This wide variety of sources is possible because of the tireless efforts of our one contract employee; Ron Fowler – as well as cooperation of the processors. SDSAH partnership with South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission and Feeding South Dakota is vital to our success!

As hunting season arrives please keep SDSAH in mind when cleaning out your freezer and harvesting your animals.

Happy Hunting!

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About SDSAH

SDSAH helps to fund and promote the donation of wild game and fish to families facing hunger throughout South Dakota. It is a successful partnership between hunters and anglers, the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Game, Fish and Parks Commission, SDSAH, Feeding South Dakota and participating meat processors and food pantries.

SDSAH game donations by sportsmen and sportswomen include not only deer as the primary program, but also include donations of antelope, elk, Canada geese, fish, and pheasant. The variety of donated game meat and fish is very much appreciated by families facing hunger who receive it, as indicated by testimonials from food pantries which distribute the meat.

The total amount of game meat donated this past year from all sources was 20,000 pounds. This now brings total pounds of meat donated through SDSAH since inception in 1993 to over 1,025,000 pounds, or over 4,100,000 meals of meat.

Check-off Program

Hunters are to again be recognized for donating funds to SDSAH through the Department of Game, Fish and Parks Hunting License Application Check-off Program. Hunters made 3,694 cash donations in 2022 with a total value of \$29,643.

In recent years these funds have helped SDSAH cover the cost of the Processing Certificate Program in which hunters may use processing certificates available from SDSAH game processors to pay most or all of the cost of processing donated antlerless deer, doe/fawn antelope and Canada geese. In addition, the donated funds have been used toward the costs of salvage processing of confiscated game, deer taken in city deer reduction programs, etc.

Credit also goes to hunters who paid the full cost of processing other donated game such as buck deer, buck antelope, and pheasants.

Success of SDSAH can be attributed not only to hunters who donated funds through the check-off program but also to game processors who have participated in SDSAH and provided incentive to hunters to donate by reducing the cost of processing donated game. When coupled with the SDSAH Processing Certificate Program there was often no cost to the hunter.

This past year the 22 game meat processors who cooperated with SDSAH were also instrumental in delivering processed meat to Feeding South Dakota distribution centers and to local food pantries which then provided the meat to families facing hunger.

Chronic Wasting Disease Testing Policy

The policy of requiring the testing of donated deer and elk for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been eliminated. Public health officials have found no link between CWD and any neurological disease in humans. However since there is still some degree of risk the SDSAH Board of Directors decided to let clients of food pantries where processed donated venison is available know that the meat has not been tested. Clients can then decide for themselves if they want to consume the meat.

Informing food pantry clients is being done by placement of a "Notice" label on the donated venison burger bags which states "The venison in this package has not been tested for disease or lead contamination".

Processor Highlight



Photo: SAH Treasurer Tom Weaver, SAH President Jeff Olson, PCEM Owner Robert Goosen, SAH Vice-President Tom Krafka

Piedmont Cutting Edge Meats (PCEM), owned by Becky and Robert Goosen, is a major long-time processor of donated game meat for SDSAH. PCEM has participated in the SAH game meat donation program since 2006 and was recognized by SDSAH for their work in 2014. Processed donated game has included hunter-donated deer and antelope, deer from Rapid City and Ellsworth Air Force Base Deer Reduction Programs, and elk from a Wind Cave National Park Elk Reduction Program.

In addition, the Department of Game, Fish and Parks has delivered deer, antelope, elk and bighorn sheep to PCEM for salvage processing. The total amount of donated game meat processed so far by PCEM for SDSAH is over 50,000 lbs. This processed meat has been delivered to the Feeding South Dakota Distribution Center in Rapid City for distribution to its agency food pantners in western South Dakota.

SDSAH Game Processors

Alexandria Locker Service	Black Hills Butcher Block	C&R Processing Rapid City	Central Processing	
Alexandria	Spearfish		Miller	
Chamberlain Locker	Dakota Butcher	DeHaai's Game Processing	Economy Meat Market	
Chamberlain	Watertown	Chamberlain	Bath	
Gosch Meat Market	Gregory Country Locker	Huron Custom Meats	Jorgenson Meat Processing	
Glenham	Burke	Huron	Waubay	
Kleinschmit Locker	Lee's Meats & Sausages	Maier Meats	Ol' Mill Meats	
Yankton	Tea	Fort Pierre	Milbank	
Philip Custom Meats Philip	Piedmont Cutting Edge Meats Piedmont	Renner Corner Locker Renner	605 Meats Chester	
Steamboat Game & Fish Pierre	Waldner Specialty Meats Milbank			

Major Donors

We extend our gratitude to the following major donors who supported SDSAH this past fiscal year. Without their support, this program would not be possible.

- South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks
- Scheels of Sioux Falls
- Renee, Rebecca and Richard Elmen Foundation
- The Greater Dacotah Chapter of Safari Club
- First Premier Bank
- First Interstate Bank
- Sam's Club of Rapid City
- Local Sportsmen's Clubs, and many more!!



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We also extend thanks to hunters for donating game animals and for their financial contributions through the Hunting License Application Check-off Program.



South Dakota Sportsmen Against Hunger relies on donations and grants from corporations, businesses and individuals to help fund its programs. The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks provides over \$33,000 of in-kind contractual services support for operating SDSAH. The Department also provides and administers a voluntary check-off option on its hunting and fishing license applications whereby hunters and anglers can make voluntary contributions to SDSAH when they purchase those licenses.

Donations and check-off funds received are spent on processing costs, with minor amounts on other categories as noted in the Annual Income/Expense Statement. For more information on how to donate, see our website at www.feedtheneedsd.com, or you can complete the donation form below and mail it directly to us with your donation.

ISD Sportsmen Against Hunger Donation	n Form		
Yes! I want to support South Dakota Sportsmen Agair donation to help pay processing costs for donated ga	_	nunger by making a monetary	
Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Contact Information:			
Phone:			
Email:			

Complete this form, include payment and mail to: SD Sportsmen Against Hunger, PO Box 1172, Pierre SD 57501

Financials

SOUTH DAKOTA SPORTSMEN AGAINST HUNGER

Annual Income/Expense Statement For Period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Sportsmen Against Hunger Statement of Financial Position - Modified Cash Basis As of June 30, 2023

Jun 30, 23 Jun 30, 22 \$ Change **ASSETS Current Assets** Checking/Savings 1001 · FIB Checking Account 207,145.72 0.00 207,145.72 1002 · First Dakota Checking Account 207,266.18 -207,266.18 0.00 Total Checking/Savings 207,145.72 207,266.18 -120.46 Accounts Receivable 1,086.17 1101 · Accounts Receivable 9.552.72 8.466.55 **Total Accounts Receivable** 9,552.72 8.466.55 1.086.17 **Other Current Assets** 1200 · Prepaid Expense 225.00 0.00 225.00 **Total Other Current Assets** 225.00 0.00 225.00 **Total Current Assets** 216,923.44 215,732.73 1,190.71 TOTAL ASSETS 216,923.44 215,732.73 1,190.71 **LIABILITIES & EQUITY** Liabilities **Current Liabilities Accounts Payable** 2001 · Accounts Payable 18.30 0.00 18.30 **Total Accounts Payable** 18.30 0.00 18.30 **Total Current Liabilities** 18.30 0.00 18.30 **Total Liabilities** 18.30 0.00 18.30 Equity 3001 · Unrestricted Net Assets 9.206.17 215,732.73 206,526.56 **Net Income** 1,172.41 9,206.17 -8,033.76 215,732.73 **Total Equity** 216,905.14 1,172.41 **TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** 216,923.44 215,732.73 1,190.71

Sportsmen Against Hunger Statement of Activity - Modified Cash Basis

July 2022 through June 2023

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	Jul '22 - Jun 23	Jul '21 - Jun 22	\$ Change
Income			
Contributions and Grants			
4002.1 · GF&P Contract MOU Income	32,523.28	32,523.28	0.00
4002.2 · GF&P Mileage MOU Income	496.86	1,095.78	-598.92
4003 · Grants from Nonprofit Orgs	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00
4004 · Contributions from Businesses	5,500.00	4,000.00	1,500.00
4005.1 · Check Off Funds	29,643.04	35,299.55	-5,656.51
4005.2 · Contributions from Individuals	7,250.00	1,209.22	6,040.78
Total Contributions and Grants	75,413.18	76,127.83	-714.65
Total Income	75,413.18	76,127.83	-714.65
Expense			
Contract Services			
6001 · Management Contract Fees	32,523.24	32,523.24	0.00
Processor Fees			
6002.1 · Deer Processing	5,850.00	0.00	5,850.00
6002.2 · Antelope Processing	65.00	0.00	65.00
6002.3 · Goose Processing	11,438.00	0.00	11,438.00
6002.6 · Rapid City Deer Program	6,960.00	0.00	6,960.00
6002.8 · Ellsworth AFB Deer Program	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
6002.9 · Salvage Processing	1,350.00	0.00	1,350.00
Processor Fees - Other	0.00	27,367.35	-27,367.35
Total Processor Fees	27,663.00	27,367.35	295.65
6003 · Accounting Fees	5,092.25	0.00	5,092.25
Total Contract Services	65,278.49	59,890.59	5,387.90
Office Expenses			
6201 · Postage, Mailing Service	606.00	134.00	472.00
6202 · Printing and Copying	4,630.97	1,866.70	2,764.27
6203 · Office Supplies	0.00	801.36	-801.36
6204 Telephone and Internet Expense	62.97	60.73	2.24
6207 · Bank Fees	260.52	0.00	260.52
6208 · Other Office Expenses	0.00	2,333.28	-2,333.28
Total Office Expenses	5,560.46	5,196.07	364.39
Information Technology	,	,	
6301 · Website Expense	198.00	710.00	-512.00
Total Information Technology	198.00	710.00	-512.00
Travel and Meetings			
6401 · Travel Expense	2,045.82	0.00	2,045.82
Total Travel and Meetings	2,045.82	0.00	2,045.82
Insurance Expense	2,010.02	0.00	_,0 10.02
6501 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	1,158.00	1,125.00	33.00
Total Insurance Expense	1,158.00	1,125.00	33.00
Total Expense	74,240.77	66,921.66	7,319.11
Income	1,172.41	9,206.17	-8,033.76