

# IGNITE THE SPIRIT

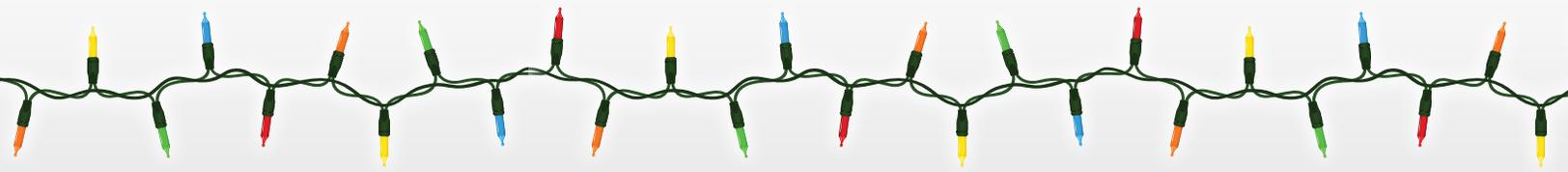
**A COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**



**A STUDENT-BASED PROGRAM  
FOR 4-H CLUBS AND FFA CHAPTERS  
IN THE COMMUNITIES OF  
IOWA SELECT FARMS**



**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, December 1, 2021**  
**APPLY ONLINE: [www.iowaselect.com/operationchristmasmeal](http://www.iowaselect.com/operationchristmasmeal)**





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### BACKGROUND

We believe everyone deserves a good meal, especially during the holidays. As farmers, we're proud of the product we produce. Pork is a lean and powerful protein that nourishes bodies young and old. It is easy to prepare, full of flavor and versatile.

Since 2011, the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation has hosted Operation Christmas Meal, a hunger relief effort supporting Iowa families in need of a helping hand, especially during the holidays. Throughout the first two weeks of December, the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation hosts Operation Christmas Meal events where they distribute free 5-pound pork loins and a recipe and pork preparation booklet.

The Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation is once again offering community-based Ignite the Spirit opportunities aimed at increasing awareness of hunger locally and igniting the spirit of service by giving local student groups the tools—pork!—to help even more families during the holiday season.

### HOW IT WORKS

The Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation will award FFA, 4-H and school-based organizations in our communities two cases of pork loins and \$250 to prepare a meal for families in need, or organize food baskets to distribute. Have other ideas? Please share! The cases of pork will be available on the day Operation Christmas Meal is in your community (see schedule).

Begin by reaching out to your local food pantry or church service organizations to learn about hunger or homelessness in your community. Work together on an idea that best supports those individuals. This may be organizing a food drive, preparing a meal, or assembling food baskets for families in need.

Each pork loin is five pounds and serves approximately 16-18 people a healthy portion of pork. Two cases of pork loins will feed over 400 people. Cash may be used to offset the cost of side dishes, beverages, or space rental. Event kits are available to schools planning to prepare a meal (see sidebar).

Organizations can apply online at [www.iowaselect.com/operationchristmasmeal](http://www.iowaselect.com/operationchristmasmeal) by December 1, 2021. Pork loins, checks and event kits (if applicable) will need to be picked up at the Operation Christmas Meal of your choice (see schedule).

**WHO:** 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters and School-Based Service Groups

**WHAT:** Two cases of five-pound pork loins + \$250 to prepare a community meal or organize a food basket for local families in need. Event kits also available for those preparing meals (see sidebar)

### STUDENT-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES ARE ELIGIBLE:

Adams, Buena Vista, Butler, Calhoun, Carroll, Cerro Gordo, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Clarke, Clay, Crawford, Davis, Decatur, Dickinson, Floyd, Franklin, Greene, Grundy, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Howard, Humboldt, Ida, Kossuth, Lucas, Lyon, Madison, Mahaska, Marshall, Mitchell, O'Brien, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Pottawattamie, Poweshiek, Ringgold, Sac, Sioux, Story, Tama, Taylor, Union, Wayne, Webster, Winnebago, Wright.

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# OPERATION CHRISTMAS MEAL 2021 SCHEDULE

Some locations TBD

## CRESTON, IOWA

**Tuesday, December 7**

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Old Wal-Mart Parking Lot  
614 New York Avenue  
Creston, Iowa 50801

## OSCEOLA, IOWA

**Tuesday, December 7**

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Clarke County  
Fairgrounds  
2070 W McLane St.  
Osceola, Iowa 50213

## HUMESTON, IOWA

**Tuesday, December 7**

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Broad Street  
North 4th Broad Street  
Humeston, Iowa 50123

## ELLSWORTH, IOWA

**Thursday, December 9**

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran  
Church (TBD)  
1629 Dewitt St.  
Ellsworth, Iowa 50075

## HAMPTON, IOWA

**Thursday, December 9**

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Old Farmer's Coop  
Hampton, Iowa 50441

## OSAGE, IOWA

**Thursday, December 9**

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Mitchell County  
Fairgrounds  
1006 Chestnut St.  
Osage, Iowa 50461

## APLINGTON

**Tuesday, December 14**

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Aplington Recreation  
Complex  
1311 Parriott St.  
Aplington, Iowa 50604

## HUBBARD

**Tuesday, December 14**

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

City Hall  
323 E Maple St.  
Hubbard, Iowa 50122

## IOWA FALLS

**Tuesday, December 14**

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Iowa Select Farms  
811 South Oak Street  
Iowa Falls 50126

## SAC CITY

**Thursday, December 16**

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Sac County Fairgrounds  
416 Park Ave  
Sac City, Iowa 50583

## STORM LAKE

**Thursday, December 16**

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Upper Des Moines  
Opportunity  
620 Michigan St.  
Storm Lake, Iowa 50588

## ALGONA

**Thursday, December 16**

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Bomgaars Parking Lot  
1501 US-169  
Algona, Iowa 50511



## EVENT KIT COMPONENTS

These **FREE** event kits will be provided to clubs and chapters planning a meal. Kits contain aprons, masks, placemats, thermometers, stickers and pork loin recipe booklets.



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