

OPERATION CHRISTMAS MEAL



IGNITE THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY GIVING

Application Deadline: Nov 29, 2019

Apply online at:
www.iowaselect.com/operationchristmasmeal

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.

Operation Christmas began as a single, annual event in Des Moines and has since grown into 13 various communities and regions of Iowa where Iowa Select Farms employees live and work. New for 2019, we are introducing a new component of Operation Christmas Meal to increase awareness of hunger locally, ignite the spirit of service by giving local groups the tools—pork!—to help even more families during the holiday season.

Igniting the Spirit of Community Giving

The Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation will award up to five FFA, 4-H and school organizations in each community 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 the community. 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.

Organizations can apply online at www.iowaselect.com/operationchristmasmeal by November 29, 2019. Pork loins will be delivered to your organization the day Operation Christmas Meal visits your community.

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

WHERE: Counties of—Hardin, Hamilton, Butler, Taylor, Clarke, Lucas, Carroll, Buena Vista, Pocahontas, Franklin, Cerro Gordo and Mitchell

Webster City—Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Eldora—Tuesday, December 10, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Parkersburg—Tuesday, December 10, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Lenox—Thursday, December 12, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Osceola—Thursday, December 12, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Humeston—Thursday, December 12, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Iowa Falls—Friday, December 13, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Carroll—Tuesday, December 17, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Storm Lake—Tuesday, December 17, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Pocahontas—Tuesday, December 17, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Hampton—Thursday, December 19, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Mason City—Thursday, December 19, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Osage—Thursday, December 19, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



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