

****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - FOOD FOR FLORIDA DISASTER FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM****



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AVAILABLE IN HARDEE COUNTY**

WAUCHULA - The Department of Children and Families (DCF), in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), will implement the Food for Florida Disaster Food Assistance Program in Hardee County to assist individuals and families impacted by Hurricane Irma from October 14 – October 16.

To qualify for the Food for Florida Disaster Food Assistance program, applicants must have lived or worked in one of the counties declared for FEMA Individual Assistance on September 5, and not be receiving food assistance through the regular Food Assistance Program. Additionally, eligible individuals and families must have suffered a disaster-related loss, such as damage to their homes or self-employment property, loss of food, reduction or loss of income, or have incurred other disaster related expenses. DCF will provide or mail Electronic Benefits Transfer cards to eligible individuals and families to use at authorized USDA food retailers. The program counts only income and expenses from September 5 through October 4, 2017.

Individuals are encouraged to apply online prior to visiting the Food for Florida (D-SNAP) site. Online registration is available on the Food for Florida [website](#). **Be sure to attend the Food for Florida (D-SNAP) site in your home or work county. Attending the designated site in your county can help reduce wait times and allow smoother and safer operations.** There is no funding limitation for this program, therefore there is no urgency for individuals to travel to sites outside of their county of residence. In addition, one individual per household should visit the site when applying. The sites are listed below.

The Food for Florida disaster food assistance program for Hardee county will take place:

- **DATES:** OCTOBER 14 - OCTOBER 16
- **TIME:** 7AM - 6PM
- **LOCATION:** Hardee Agri-Civic Center, 515 Civic Center Drive, Wauchula, FL 33873

*****Must have a valid Florida driver's license or identification card*****

FOOD FOR FLORIDA SITE SCHEDULE

October 7th – October 11th

BREVARD COUNTY – Cocoa Expo Sports Center, 500 Friday Road, Cocoa, FL 32926

HERNANDO COUNTY – Hernando County Fairgrounds Jackson Building, 6436 Broad St., Brooksville, FL 34601

OSCEOLA COUNTY – Heritage Park, 1875 Silver Spur Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34744

October 14th - October 16th

HARDEE COUNTY – Hardee Agri-Civic Center 515 Civic Center Drive, Wauchula, FL 33873

HIGHLANDS COUNTY – Highlands News-Sun Center, 781 Magnolia Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870

October 14th – October 18th

MARION COUNTY – Marion County Sheriff Multi-Purpose Room, 692 NW 30th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475

POLK COUNTY – RP Funding Building 701 Lime Street, Lakeland, FL 33815

October 21st – October 25th

ORANGE COUNTY – Camping World Stadium 1 Citrus Bowl Place, Orlando, FL 32805

SEMINOLE COUNTY – Orlando Live Events 6405 S US Highway 17 92, Casselberry, FL 32730