

# Sportsmen Against Hunger Nearly Reaches Game Donation Goal

Hunters donated 97,750 pounds of game meat to needy individuals and families across South Dakota during the 2009 hunting seasons through Sportsmen Against Hunger, nearly reaching the organization's goal of 100,000 pounds.

Sportsmen Against Hunger is a non-profit organization whose mission is to encourage and facilitate donation of wild game meat to needy families in South Dakota.

Hunters donate game by delivering animals to participating processors. Upon processing, the frozen packaged meat is then collected from the processors and taken to more than 60 food pantries or other charitable food distributors across the state who, in turn, ensure the donated meat is distributed to needy families and individuals. Commercially processed game meat is also donated to food banks through a clean-out-your-freezer food drive, or taken directly to food banks.

This past fall, through use of processing certificates completed by hunters at the time of game donation, Sportsmen Against Hunger reimbursed participating meat processors for processing 2,039 antlerless deer and 261 doe/fawn antelope. This was an increase from the 1,946 antlerless deer and 354 doe/fawn antelope donated in 2008. In addition, hunters donated 263 buck deer, 54 buck antelope, and 5,929 pheasants last year for which the hunters paid all processing costs.

Total donations in 2009 amounted to 390,000 healthy meals of meat for the



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