



# Maine Hunters for The Hungry



## Processor Checklist

The Maine Hunters for the Hungry Program was founded in 1996 and the impact has grown steadily ever since. Maine Hunters for the Hungry is a collaboration with Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that works with the Maine Warden Service, biologists, Marine Patrol Officers, Maine State Troopers and hunters towards a common goal of helping Mainers in need. Maine sportsmen and sportswomen can play a major role in game management while providing wild game meat to hunger relief locations across the state. The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry facilitates the donations to food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters affiliated with The Emergency Food Assistance Program. If you have any questions, please call 207-287-3491 or email [H4H@maine.gov](mailto:H4H@maine.gov).

### **The program accepts bear, deer and moose donations.**

**Step One:** A hunter contacts you with a game animal to be donated.

**Step Two:** Contact your local pantry or food bank to be sure they have the cooler/freezer space available to receive the donation and schedule a pick-up date and time.

**Step Three:** Process the animal. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry will reimburse you the processing costs. The Department cannot pay for additional processing fees, value-added product (such as sausage), or hide processing.

**Step Four:** Have the pantry or food bank pick up the processed meat for donation.

**Step Five:** Complete the "Wild Game Processing Invoice" which can be found on our website [maine.gov/dacf/h4h](http://maine.gov/dacf/h4h)

**Step Six:** Email your completed invoice to [H4H@maine.gov](mailto:H4H@maine.gov). Invoices that are not emailed will result in non-payment.

**We truly appreciate the role you play in making this program a success! Thank you for your time and services!**