

Farmers & Hunters Feeding The Hungry

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Our mission...

Transforming a God-given
renewable resource of deer and
livestock into food for those in
need.



How does it work?



Hunters [?] Butchers [?] Charities



How did FHFH begin?



Washington County



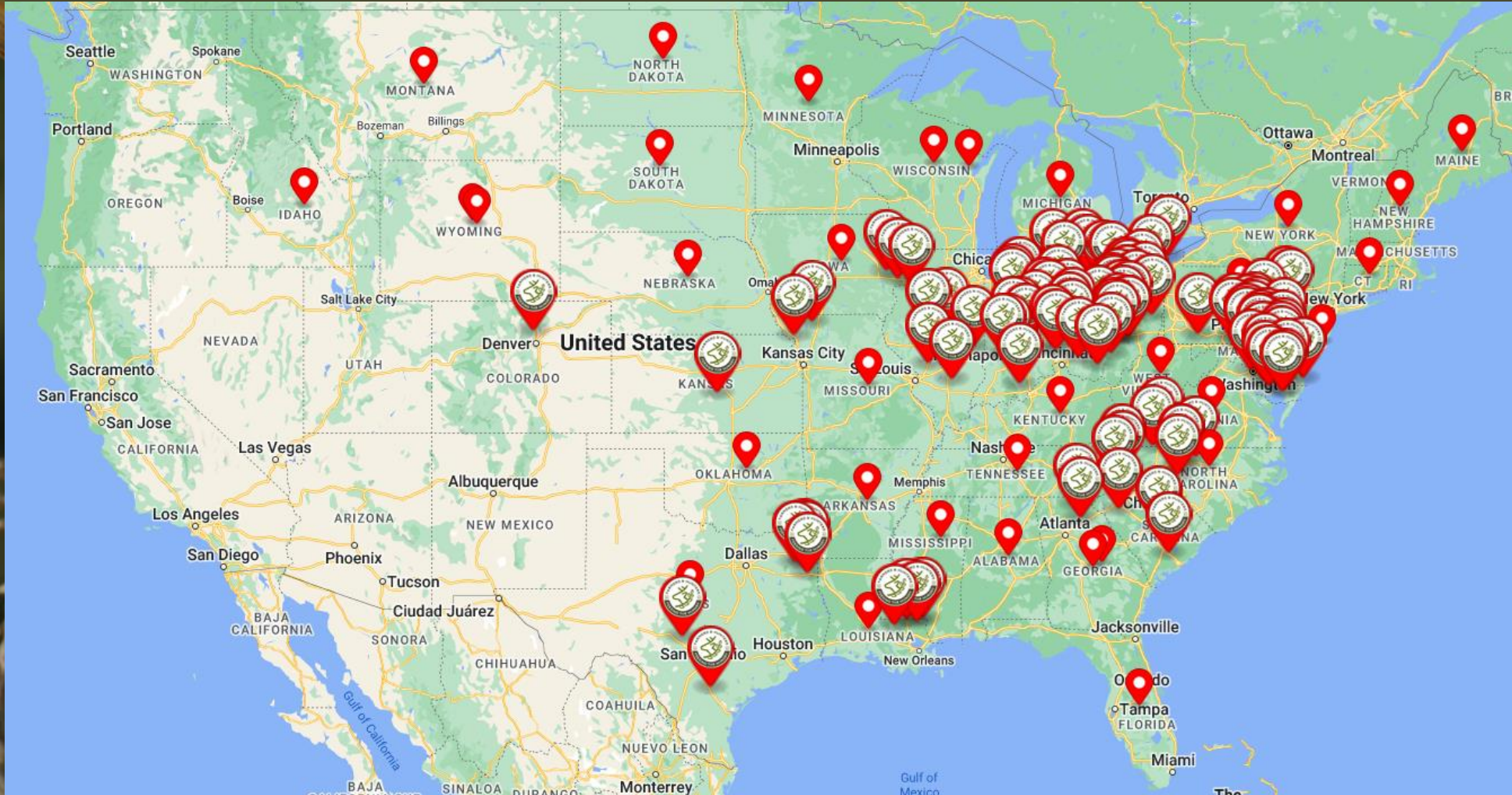
Across Maryland



Additional States



A National Movement



Since 1997...

- From Washington County ☐ Maryland ☐ 30 Different States
- 5.5 Million Pounds | 22 Million Servings
- Currently 80 Volunteer Coordinators with 120 Participating Butcher Shops



Maryland Numbers

- Food Insecurity and hunger impacts 1 in 10 Marylanders is food insecure – 600,000 people.
- An average deer provides enough meat servings for 160 meals.
- 39,000 pounds / 156,000 servings distributed last year.



Maryland Potential

- In 2013 we received a record 4,300 donated deer in MD at 41 butchers.
- In 2022 we received around 1,100 donated deer in MD at 23 butchers.
- Deer donation capacity depends mainly on funding and butcher participation.



Funding Availability

- Past grant programs boosted deer donation numbers.
- Recent years we relied mostly on local funding sources (donors, community foundations, fundraising events).
- MD Venison Donation Grant Program.



Butcher Capacity

- Decrease in participating butchers.
- Some closed (retirement & mortality).
- Some quit processing deer (regulations & worker shortage).
- Game processors and the Charity Deer Processor License .



Deer Size Concern

- Donated deer used to yield 50 pounds average but now only 30 - 40 pounds.
- Antlerless harvest for bonus tag.
- Meat loss from damage (firearm season).
- Hunters keeping their larger deer.



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