

Redpine whitetails



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Information about the Sportsmen
Against Hunger program donations from
one of our members.
Let us know of your donations.
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TO: MARY HARTER
FROM: CINDY HIGGINS
RE: DONATION OF VENISON TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES
DATE: JULY 22, 2009

Since 2004 we have donated venison from animals harvested at our Ranch to local food pantries. In previous years many of the hunters took their meat with them or had it shipped once it was processed so there wasn't a large quantity of meat available for donation.

But times and circumstances have changed within the past three years thanks to the airline industry, which changed their policy for additional checked bags, and the overall cost of meat processing plus overnight shipping charges. Faced with these charges the majority of our hunters request that their meat be donated to help those less fortunate within our community and local areas. And thanks to their generosity that is what we have done in the name of Sportsmen Against Hunger.

Since 2004 we have primarily worked with the Joy Fellowship Assembly of God and their program Helping Hands. They are located in the Wolverine area but their food pantry extends far beyond in scope. This organization will come and pick up the carcasses at the Ranch and do all their own processing so all we do is place a call and set a time for pick-up. This makes it quite easy for us during our hunting season plus the hunters are assured that we are complying with their wishes.

Beginning in 2004 we were able to contribute 1,835 lbs of usable venison for donation. For the years of 2005-2007 our contribution totaled over 4,000 lbs. But, in 2008 because of a major doe harvest and culling of bucks our venison donation totaled 4,190 lbs. In addition to supplying venison to the Helping Hands program we also provided some venison to people in the Petoskey area through the efforts of our butcher/meat processor, Brian Neff. Brian makes wonderful sausage and some of our venison made its way to Iraq to our soldiers in the form of sausage sticks and jerky. Plus, we helped a couple of families in the Gaylord area that we knew had fallen on hard times and who had little ones to feed.

All of us at Redpine Whitetails would like to thank our hunters for their generosity in giving their meat to our local food banks in the name of Sportsmen Against Hunger. And we will continue to donate whatever and whenever we can in the years to come.