ONGOING FOOD SUPPORT PROGRAMS:
These programs provide regular food assistance to eligible individuals:


Food Assistance/SNAP - Visit https://hhs.iowa.gov/food-assistance/SNAP or call 1-855-944-3663 (Food Bank outreach #)

Heartland - Senior Commodity Food Program – Supplemental food boxes available for eligible seniors 60+. Call to see if you qualify. 1-877-288-3655 or 515-233-2906.

Women-Infants-Children Program (WIC) – Visit with MICA in Ames at 1-800-890-8230.

AMES PANTRIES & PROGRAMS:

Ames School District Food Pantries @ Edwards Elementary, Mitchell Elementary, Sawyer Elementary - For students and families of the Ames Community School District. Call Jean Muhammad at 515-520-2520 or go to https://www.ames.k12.ia.us/district/departments/student-services/h-o-p-e-food-pantry-program/ to request assistance

Ames Pet Food Bank – 2521 University Blvd, Suite 123, Ames. Facebook: @amespetfoodbank.
Open hours: Tuesdays-Thursdays, 10 am – 4 pm by appointment. Contact petfoodpantry@bailingoutbenji.com

Open hours: Wednesdays 10-11:30 am, Tuesdays/Thursdays 1 – 3 pm, Tuesdays 6:30 – 8 pm. Details: Choice pantry. Clothing Closet available in same space. Maximum 1 visit per week.

Calvary United Methodist Food Pantry – 1403-24th Street, Ames. 515-232-6329
Open hours: Tuesdays 2 – 3:30 pm. Details: Curbside service. Visitors may come once per month.

Food At First Meal Site & Free Market (Perishable Food) – First Christian Church, 611 Clark Avenue, Ames. 515-344-HELP
Meals: Sundays thru Fridays, 5:45 – 6:15 pm, Saturdays 11:30 am-12:15 pm. Pantry hours: Mondays & Thursdays, 4:30 – 5:30 pm, Saturdays 10 – 11 am. Details: Detailed information available at www.foodatfirst.com

Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance Emergency Food Vouchers – 613 Clark Avenue, Ames. 515-296-1449. Emergency food vouchers are available to purchase needed items at local grocery stores in Ames, Nevada, Huxley, and Slater. Available by appointment only. Call or email assistance@gnea.org. Learn more at www.gnea.org

Harvest Vineyard Church Food Assistance Program – 320 S. 17th Street, Ames. 515-290-6881.
Food bags available: Wednesdays 12 – 1 pm and 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Delivery available (Ames only) if needed. Infant Care Bags now also available. Care Bag Request Form: https://harvestvc.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/444/responses/new If you are unable to fill out this form, send an e-mail to neighbor@harvestvc.org or call 515-290-6881.

Heartland Meals on Wheels – 515-357-4573 (Connie – to set up or cancel services)
Mondays thru Fridays in most of Story County. Prepares/delivers meals to those who are 60+ and/or meet the criteria.

Open hours: Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays 9 am – 4 pm, Tuesdays 12 – 4 pm, Thursdays 9 am – 1 pm. Details: Choice pantry. Home delivery available if needed.

Primary Health Care “Farm to Clinic” (summer) – 3510 Lincoln Way, Ames. 515-232-0628. Fresh produce for patients.

Romero House Meal Site – 709 Clark Avenue, Ames. 515-337-8088
Free meals on the 2nd Saturday of the month, 6 pm. For more info: www.amesromerohouse.org

Shared Blessings at Northminster Presbyterian Church – 1416 20th Street (across from Ames High), Ames. 515-233-2540
Open hours: 1st Tuesday of month 1:30 – 3 pm, 3rd Tuesday of month 6:30 – 8 pm. Details: Offer diapers, TP, supplies.

Open hours: Mondays/Tuesdays/Fridays 1 – 3 pm, Wednesdays/Thursdays 1 – 3:30 pm. Details: Must be a resident of Story County. Pantry can be visited 1x per month; market 2x per week. Appointments preferred but walk-ins okay. Delivery available if needed.

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The SHOP Student Food Pantry at Iowa State University - 1306 Beyer Hall, ISU campus, Ames.
Open hours: Mondays, 1 – 6 pm, Wednesdays 2 – 7 pm, Thursdays 4 – 7 pm, Fridays 11 am – 4 pm. ISU students only.
+ Satellite Site: Sloss Center Resource Room –205 Sloss House, ISU central campus, Ames. 515-294-4154
Open hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10 am – 3 pm, or by appointment. Details: Offers food, hygiene items, parenting supplies, and more. Visit Facebook @iastateslosscenter for more information. Open to all.

OTHER STORY COUNTY PANTRIES & PROGRAMS:
Ballard Community Clothing/Food Pantry –602 N Main - Suite 105, Huxley. 515-291-3543
Open hours: Wednesdays 4 – 6 pm, Saturdays 10 am – 12 pm, Sundays 1- 3 pm

Ballard High School Pantry – 701 Ballard Drive, Huxley. 515-291-3543 / imclaughlin@ballard.k12.ia.us By appointment.

Cambridge Food Pantry – United Methodist Church, 215 2nd Street, Cambridge. 515-383-4392 (Jan)
Open hours: Tuesdays 6 – 7 pm. Details: Must live in/near Cambridge. In basement. Can visit every other week.

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) – A program for in-home childcare providers to receive meal reimbursements in Story County and beyond. Contact Kris at MICA, cacfp@micaonline.org or 641-328-3261.

Colo Food Pantry – United Methodist Church, 602-4th Street, Colo. 641-377-2534
Open hours: Saturdays only, 9:30-10:30 am.

Colo-NESCO School Pantry @ Jr/Sr High – 919 West Street, Colo. 641-377-2282.
By appointment for students of the Colo-NESCO Community School District and their families.

Colo Public Library Little Free Pantry – 309 Main Street, Colo. 641-377-2900 or cololibrary@netins.net (Joanie)
Open hours: Mondays thru Fridays, 10 am – 6 pm, Saturdays 10 am – 4 pm. Details: Open to anyone with no limit.

Cubbie’s Cupboard @ Nevada Middle School - 1035-15th Street, Nevada. 515-382-2751
Open hours: Wednesdays 4 – 5:30 pm or by appointment. Details: For students of Nevada Schools and their families.

Gilbert “Backpack Buddies” (Gilbert Schools in partnership with Gilbert Lutheran) – woodinm@gilbertcsd.org
Details: Supplemental food continues to be prepared and offered to eligible children. Contact Mel Woodin at Gilbert.

Huxley Food Pantry – 503 East 1st Street (behind south Casey’s), Huxley. 515-597-2831
Open hours: Wednesdays 6 – 7 pm. Thursdays 10 – 11 am. Details: Huxley and Kelley residents only.

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry (Story City) – 204 W. Broad Street, Story City.
Open hours: Saturdays 10 am – 12 pm except holidays & Scandinavian Days.

Maxwell-Collins Food Pantry – First Presbyterian Church, 221 Main Street, Maxwell. 515-387-8505 or 515-491-5338
Open hours: 3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Details: Maxwell and Collins residents only.

Nevada Community Cupboard – St. Patrick’s Church, 1110 – 11th Street (in the garage), Nevada. 515-382-2974.
Open hours: Saturdays 10 – 11:30 am. Details: Only for residents of eastern Story County communities.

Nevada Food at First Meal Site – First United Methodist Church, 1036-7th Street, Nevada. 515-215-3904
Meals: Mondays & Thursdays 5:30 – 6 pm. Details: Call or use this link https://bit.ly/3c3bfS9 to order carry-out meals by 3:30 PM. Pick up meals at church or designated neighborhood locations. Follow Nevada Food at First on Facebook. No limits in monthly visits.

Norseman Food Pantry @ Roland-Story Middle School- 206 S. Main Street, Roland. 515-388-4348
Open hours: Sundays only from 4-5 pm. Closed on most major holidays. Details: Only for students and families of the Roland-Story school district.

Slater/Sheldahl Food Pantry – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 411 3rd Ave (brown/blue building), Slater. 515-231-5643 or 515-231-0046. Open hours: Tuesdays 10 – 11 am, Wednesdays 7 – 8 pm. Details: Can be visited 2x per month.

Zearing-McCallsburg Food Pantry – 107 W. Main Street (beside City Hall), Zearing. 641-487-7271.
Open hours: Wednesdays 5 – 6:30 pm. Details: Zearing & McCallsburg residents only. Can be visited every other week.