

Emergency Support Function 11 --Agriculture and Natural Resources

Provision of Food Supplies

Primary Agency Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)

Support Agencies Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)
Illinois Department of Military Affairs (IDMA)
Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)
Illinois Department of Transportation - Division of Highways
(IDOT-H)
Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)
American Red Cross (ARC)
Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDA)

I. Introduction

A. Purpose

This Annex describes how victims of a disaster such as an earthquake, nuclear accident, accidental release of toxic materials or other natural or man-made causes, will be provided sufficient food until they can care for themselves and their families.

B. Scope

It is the responsibility of this operational function to identify food needs in the aftermath of a disaster, obtain the required food supplies and arrange for the transportation to designated staging areas either within or adjacent to the affected area. Food supplies will not be limited to those owned and held by the state and federal government.

II. Assumptions

A. Major disruption of surface transportation in and near the affected

area will create many problems in the transportation and preparation of food.

1. If the facility warehousing United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) commodities is in the affected area, ISBE will obtain and store disaster food supplies at an alternate location.
- B. Immediately following the disaster, food supplies should be completely ready-to-serve as there may be a complete absence of water as well as electricity and gas. The only sources available will be electricity generated by gasoline-powered generators and some gas contained within propane tanks. Most commercial cold storage and freezer facilities may be inoperable.
- C. Outside the affected areas, there will be schools and small institutions with inventories of food available to feed some victims. However, this supply may be completely distributed and used within 1-3 days after the event occurs.
- D. IDHS will determine if the use of the emergency provisions of the Food Stamp Act can be requested from the Food and Nutrition Service and implemented when circumstances are beyond the capabilities of local government.
- E. Commercial channels (retail and wholesale food vendors) may be disrupted within the affected areas. Just outside the primary affected area, there may be resumption of the commercial channels of trade in some locations, however the distribution of foods to mass care programs within the affected area may continue for an indefinite period of time exceeding 30 days.

III. Concept of Operations

- A. General
1. ISBE will coordinate with disaster relief agencies and local officials to determine the food needs in the impacted areas and will, in consultation with the support agencies, initiate action to provide food for feeding at Mass Care shelters and other

locations or implement the Disaster Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (D-SNAP) in the affected areas.

2. The Federal Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Plan for providing food assistance administers the following activities:
 - a. the USDA Food Distribution Program for congregate feeding,
 - b. the USDA Food Distribution Program for household distribution,
 - c. the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP).

B. Notification

1. IEMA will alert the Emergency Coordinators or Assistant Coordinators at the ISBE and IDHS.

C. Operational Structure

1. The ISBE Emergency Coordinator or Assistant Coordinator will serve as the SEOC Liaison and will be the initial contact points for IEMA requests for assistance. The Assistant Coordinator will serve as the alternate liaison.
2. The Emergency Coordinator will report to the SEOC or the ISBE central office as requested. Food procurement activity is anticipated to be operational on a 24-hour basis for the initial stages of the disaster response.

D. Federal Coordination

1. Under a Presidential Declaration of a major disaster or emergency, State agencies may coordinate with their Federal counterparts when Federal assets are required.

IV. Responsibilities

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1. estimates food availability and products needed based on the type of meals to be served in cases of mass feeding,
2. estimates food availability and products for household distribution based on information provided by the local disaster relief offices, the SEOC, Mass Care agencies, and any other reliable sources,
3. procures food from existing USDA stocks in the possession of local schools and/or other agencies, State agencies responsible for distribution of USDA commodities to schools and/or State warehouses,
4. initiates procurement requests for food stocked in USDA controlled warehouses. In the event USDA instructs ISBE to accept larger amounts and/or different types of food than the State agency requests, USDA will assume responsibility for the value and storage costs incurred for any of that food remaining in inventory at the conclusion of emergency operations,
5. provides transportation services as needed, through preexisting contractual arrangements with commercial sources,
6. provides staff for 24 hour coverage for as long as needed to coordinate the provision of food,
7. provides inventory lists of food immediately available for use to ARC and other agencies, upon request.

B. Support Agencies

1. Illinois Department of Human Services
 - a. receives and processes requests at local offices and the Disaster Recovery Centers for the issuance of D-SNAP

benefits to eligible households.

2. Illinois Department of Military Affairs
 - a. provides air/ground transportation of food and water,
 - b. provides limited emergency power generation for preparation of food,
 - c. provides mobile kitchen trailers and food service personnel,
 - d. provides mobile water trailers,
 - e. provides personnel for material handling.
3. Illinois Department of Public Health
 - a. inspects food services establishments and/or food resources for indicators and factors that could lead to an illness outbreak,
 - b. provides dieticians to assist with the coordination of meals,
 - c. provides environmental laboratory services to ensure the purity and wholesomeness of foods, milk and other dairy products.
4. Illinois Department of Transportation - Division of Highways
 - a. coordinates between the distribution agencies, ISBE and IEMA should assistance be necessary to contract for staging areas, warehouse services and equipment, transportation, generators, etc.,
 - b. assists in formulating plans for transporting food or food supplies secured from out-of-state.

5. Illinois Emergency Management Agency
 - a. provides an assessment of needs based on information made available through various sources,
 - b. processes and/or pays transportation costs incurred by and provided through pre-existing contractual arrangements with commercial sources.
6. Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
 - a. identifies and advises the SEOC Liaison of any potential pollution hazard to existing food stocks that are unsafe as a result of the disaster.
7. American Red Cross
 - a. provides liaison between ISBE and the Federal, State, and local government agencies in the procurement and distribution of food,
 - b. coordinates mass care activities and works with primary and support agencies to ensure needed feeding services are provided,
 - c. accesses food from private sources.
8. Illinois Department of Agriculture
 - a. inspects meat, poultry and grain products for wholesomeness.
9. Other Agencies
 - a. in addition to the responsibilities identified above, there are a number of State Agencies, State Colleges and Universities, and private voluntary that can be expected to provide personnel and critical resources to support disaster operations. Responsibilities of many of these

agencies are identified in the Illinois Emergency Operations Plan.

V. Authorities

- A. The Food Stamp Act of 1977
- B. Section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949
- C. Section 4(a) of the Agriculture and Consumer Act of 1973
- D. Food Service Sanitation Code (77 Ill. Adm. Code 750)

VI. References

- A. USDA Food and Nutrition Service Plan
- B. ING State Active Duty Plan

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