



Repurposing excess cheese. Feeding neighbors in need.

Feeding America is always looking for new ways to recover dairy products and serve additional communities. In partnership with Maple Ridge Foods, we're exploring an impactful pilot cheese rescue program—**Shredding Hunger**.

► How does the Shredding Hunger program work?

When cheese bricks are cut for sale, excess trimmings are often discarded as waste. The program collects these high-quality remnants and puts them to good use.



Product is identified

Partners actively work with manufacturers and packagers around the country to source cheese trimmings.



Transportation is arranged

Product is picked up by Maple Ridge Foods and delivered to a processor. Once shredded, the cheese is repackaged into family-size units.



Cheese is distributed

After packaging, the newly shredded cheese is handed-off to local food banks at a discounted price.



► How is Shredding Hunger making an impact?



Recovered and repurposed cheese means more people are benefiting from nutritious food options



By saving cheese trimmings, we are reducing food waste and promoting sustainability efforts



With donated product, processing costs, and transportation, we can provide cheese at a fraction of the commercial cost

► How can you get involved?

Participating in the Shredding Hunger program is simple. Please **contact us** if you're:

- A cheese manufacturer that is interested in donating
- A dairy processor with the capacity to support
- Have additional questions about the program or are eager to learn more!



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► About our partners



Feeding America is a nation-wide network of 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries and meal programs. We work to ensure equitable access to nutritious food and serve over 40 million people annually.



Maple Ridge Foods is a food sourcing and logistics solutions company that utilizes their food supply chain expertise to help food banks with low-cost transportation.



Feeding New York State is the state association for 10 food banks and 4,981 food pantries and meal programs. We work to lead a unified effort for a hunger free state by connecting food and funds to our members.

