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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2026

Fiscal Services Division

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## Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program

### Purpose and History

The Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program was created in [Senate File 2421](#) (FY 2025 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act) to assist eligible participants in purchasing qualified food products. The Program is administered by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALS). The Program allows an Iowa food bank or Iowa emergency feeding organization to be reimbursed for qualified purchases.

Qualified food products are limited to meat and poultry, dairy products, grains, flour, eggs, honey, and produce. Eligible participants are reimbursed on a 1:1 basis for each dollar expended by the participant. No more than \$200,000 appropriated each year may be used to reimburse an Iowa food bank or emergency feeding organization, and each food bank or organization is limited to \$50,000 for participating in the Program.

### Funding

The Choose Iowa Food Purchasing Program was created in FY 2025. The Program received a General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 and an appropriation of \$100,000 from the Blufflands Protection Revolving Loan Fund in SF 2421 to implement the pilot program. In FY 2026, the Program received a \$200,000 General Fund appropriation in the annual Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act for this purpose.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [190A](#)

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### More Information

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