

Feeding America West Michigan Shared Maintenance Fee Explainer

Shared Maintenance Fee

The shared maintenance fee is not a charge for food, but a handling fee assessed per pounds of product received. The shared maintenance fee is never more than **18 cents** per pound. Shared maintenance fees are necessary to maintain an efficient and safe food distribution center.

Donated Product Shared Maintenance Fees (DONATED)

- All frozen products are **18 cents** per pound.
- Any product processed by the Reclamation Department is **18 cents** per pound. Assorted food boxes are an example of this type of product.
- All other products are **16 cents** per pound.

USDA Product Shared Maintenance Fee (USDA)

- All products are **16 cents** per pound.

Free Product

- Due to overflow, some products occasionally appear on the shopping list as **free**.

Purchased Product Pricing (PURCHASE OTH)

- All products are **16 cents** per pound plus our purchase cost.

We offer a limited number of products we purchase wholesale in large quantities so we can offer them to you at the lowest price possible for us. These high-demand items are rarely donated to us (e.g., macaroni and cheese, soup, canned fruits and vegetables).

Mobile Food Pantry Program

In 2022, we transitioned the Mobile Food Pantry program from a billed invoice model to a pledge model. We now ask our agency partners to make an annual pledge in support of the Mobile Food Pantry if they are able. We do not ask for a specific amount from each agency—it is up to each organization to determine their pledge amount. Please see this [pricing sheet](#) of 2023 actual MFP costs based on region and household size. If your organization is interested in hosting a mobile food pantry, please contact Shay Kovacs at ShayK@FeedWM.org.