

26 associated shipper, that produces fresh food products in the
27 state.

28 2. "Food recovery entity" means a nonprofit association
29 engaged in food recovery and distribution that has at least 10
30 years of operation in the state and has received a minimum of 10
31 million pounds of perishable fresh food products annually for
32 the last 3 years.

33 3. "Fresh food products" means high-quality fresh fruits,
34 vegetables, proteins, and dairy produced by a food producer that
35 are delivered to their final destination for charitable
36 distribution and meet United States Department of Agriculture
37 commodity standards and grades upon such delivery.

38 (b) Subject to legislative appropriation, the department
39 shall implement a pilot program for food recovery entities to
40 negotiate a discounted price for fresh food products so that the
41 fresh food products can be exclusively distributed for
42 charitable purposes to relieve human hunger in the state.

43 (c) Food recovery entities must negotiate and pay a
44 discounted price to a food producer for the purchase of food
45 products. The harvest or processing date and the current market
46 price of each fresh food product purchased and the shipment
47 destination must be included by invoice, bill of lading, or
48 other documents from the food producer to the food recovery
49 entity.

50 (d) Food recovery entities may reject any fresh food

51 product that does not meet the quality standards of the food
52 recovery entity.

53 (e) The department shall reimburse a food recovery entity
54 for each negotiated purchase of fresh food products and an
55 additional 2 cents per pound of fresh food products purchased
56 for costs to deliver and distribute the fresh food products for
57 charitable purposes. To receive reimbursement, a food recovery
58 entity must:

59 1. Certify in writing that:

60 a. The fresh food products meet the quality standards of
61 the food recovery entity.

62 b. The purchased fresh food products will not be sold to
63 wholesale, retail, or secondary markets for monetary gain.

64 2. Submit an invoice as prescribed by the department,
65 which includes the following information:

66 a. Shipment date.

67 b. Shipment location by shipper and city.

68 c. Number of packages shipped and the price for each fresh
69 food product.

70 d. Total price paid for each fresh food product.

71 e. Total invoice price paid.

72 f. Total pounds shipped by measured weight or by estimate
73 of the fresh food product.

74 (f) The department shall submit reports on the pilot
75 program to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the

76 Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2025, and
77 by January 1, 2026. The reports must include all of the
78 following:

79 1. Each fresh food product by package size, total number
80 of packages, and average price per package.

81 2. Each fresh food product by total pounds and total
82 average price per pound.

83 3. Total dollars total spent on each fresh food product
84 and total dollars spent on all fresh food products.

85 (g) The department shall adopt rules to implement this
86 subsection.

87 (h) This subsection expires on January 1, 2026.

88 Section 2. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the sum of \$5
89 million in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is
90 appropriated to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
91 Services to implement the pilot program under s. 595.420(8),
92 Florida Statutes.

93 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.