

An UPDATE for PARTNERS of FEED MY PEOPLE

Mark your calendars:

-Feed My People will be **CLOSED** on Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day. All partners with ordering windows and deliveries affected by this closure have been notified by email. If you plan to do a Customer Pick-Up during the week of May 19-23, please click <u>here</u> to reach out to Ashley Anderson as your ordering window may be shortened.



-For those of you that have **first** Thursday or **first** Friday of the month deliveries, a reminder that we have a **fifth** Thursday and Friday in May. So:

-*First Thursday* ordering window opens May 29 - June 2 by 11:59pm -*First Friday* ordering window opens May 30 - June 3 by 11:59pm (If you order weekly, please disregard this message.)



Purusing the Partner and Food Safety Manuals

2025 Partner Manual:

We'd like to focus on the section on Ordering Procedures and Customer Pick-Up (CPU) (see pages 3-6). Starting June 1st, your ordering window will change slightly. Your ordering window will open at 8:00 am five business days before your delivery/CPU date (like it always has), but *it will close at 11:59pm three business days before your delivery/CPU date* (instead of 8am two business days before - this is the different part). Please <u>click here</u> to print out an updated Ordering Window document.

All Partners are welcome to place an order for **CPU** for dry products. Those Partners, who are within *30 minutes* travel time from FMP, may pick up cooler and freezer products from

the FMP warehouse, using coolers and/or freezer blankets while transporting.

When placing an order for CPU, you must add the **date and time** of your pick-up in the *Delivery Pickup Notes* box before submitting your order. Be sure to allow three business days before your CPU date.

A reminder, when you are placing your order for **delivery**, if you place your order outside of your ordering window, the order will be deactivated to ensure our ordering process and supply of products is fair and equitable to everyone. You will be able to reorder what your pantry needs within your normal upcoming allowable ordering window.

*Please share this information with your Ordering person

The *2025 Partner Manual* can be found on the FMP website under *Network Partners*. In *Network Partners*, click under <u>Agency Info</u> on the orange plus button to the right of AGENCY RESOURCES. The directory link is labeled : **2025 Partner Manual**.

2025 Food Safety Manual:

We'd like to focus on the section on <u>Food Labeling</u> (see page 3). Labels must be present on ALL FMP products. The labels must include what the contents are, ingredients (in order of inclusion), net weight, distributor, and distributor's address.

*If a label is not present on an individual item, you may make copies of the label**from the original packaging**, and attach them to the product for distribution.

The 2025 Food Safety Manual can be found on the FMP website under Network Partners. In Network Partners, click under Agency Info on the orange plus button to the right of FOOD SAFETY. The directory link is labeled : 2025 Food Safety Manual.

Click here to visit our Network Partners page to find the 2025 Partner Manual, the 2025 Food Safety Manual, and the 2025 Partner Directory

Beets!!



We got the BEETS, we got the BEETS, we got the BEETS...Yeah, we got the BEETS! (Insert 80's rock band Go-Go's music here)

We have an abundance of beets in the warehouse right now. 32 very full pallets to be exact!

Order # P700210 - Pantry Vegetable Beets Sliced 12/14.5oz. retail packaging

<u>Click here</u> for more information on beets and for some delicious

recipes to share with your guests.

New Plastic Recycling Hub at FMP

A big thank you to the Royal Credit Union





Foundation for making our new plastic recycling hub available to our community and partners! Starting now, you can drop off stretchy plastics, like shopping bags, outside our building, turning trash into a donation to FMP.

This recycling effort is part of our FRESH Futures initiative ensuring we're sourcing food as responsibly as possible, which includes reducing waste from packaging.

If you aren't able to physically come to us to drop off your plastics, our delivery drivers are happy to bring your plastic donations back to us.

Partner Proud

Manz Elementary School Pantry & Snacks -Eau Claire County

Manz Elementary School has been active in finding new ways to provide food for their students and families! Last year, Manz purchased a Fork Farms Hydroponic Growing System with grant money. They have grown lettuce in their lobby and were able to serve it to their students at lunch!

Adding to the garden idea, this August, Manz will be having two raised garden beds built by a local Boy Scout, Mirabai Rickert (who is also a Manz alumni)! They will begin planting with their Manz students and families in the Fall of 2025!

Last but not least, as of May 1st, they have kept over 2500 wholesome



food items out of the landfill and into their Manz Snack pantry through their "No Thank You" Table at breakfast this year. These healthy choices are given to Manz students during the school day if they are in need.

Meet Our FMP Team



This month, meet **Brit Heymans.** Brit is our **Development Director**. She focuses on donor engagement, fundraising strategy, and sharing the story of our mission. From campaign planning to data analysis to heartfelt thank-yous, she helps connect our community to the work that makes a real difference. What she loves most about working at FMP is the sense of purpose

woven into everything we do. It's energizing to be part of a team that's not only passionate about hunger relief, but also creative, collaborative, and deeply committed to our neighbors.

Outside of FMP:Brit is always on the lookout for a new adventure, a great conversation, and the kind of meal that makes you text five people about it. Heated yoga sculpt, coffee shop vibes, and a good novel are her trifecta for turning any challenging day into a perfect one. She spends most of her free time with her favorite crew: her husband, two kids, and two opinionated dogs. If it's outdoors, they are in!



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