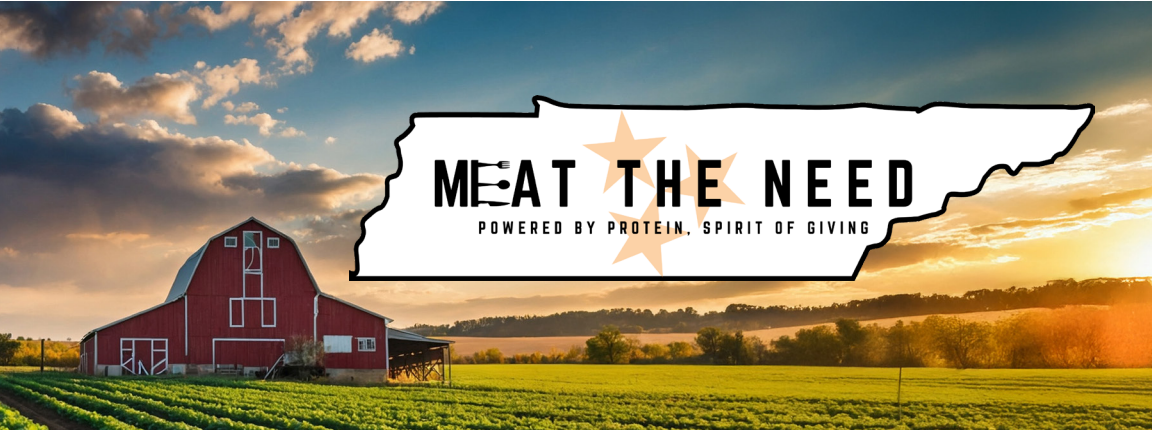




Meat the Need

is a program that transforms Tennessee agricultural generosity into nutritious meals for children facing hunger. Through the program, livestock producers donate animals or financial support, and the donated livestock is processed into high-protein meat sticks that are distributed through backpack food programs across the state. These backpack programs help ensure children have access to nutritious food on weekends and during school breaks when school meals are unavailable.

The need is significant. In Tennessee, nearly 1 in 5 children experiences food insecurity, meaning they may not know where their next meal will come from. More than 288,000 Tennessee children are estimated to live in food-insecure households, and approximately 45,000 children receive food through backpack programs each week.

By connecting farmers, processors, food banks, and hunger-relief partners, Meat the Need provides a practical solution that delivers high-quality protein to children who need it most while allowing Tennessee farmers to directly support their local communities. Every donation helps put nutritious food into the hands of children and families across the state.

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