



## **K-J Meats and Home on the Range Meat Processing in Laramie County provides nearly 1,500 lbs of game meat to local anti-hunger organizations through *Food from the Field***

**CHEYENNE, WYO** - First Lady Jennie Gordon's Wyoming Hunger Initiative has partnered with K-J Meats in Burns and Home on the Range Meat Processing in Cheyenne to provide an opportunity for hunters to participate in the second year of the *Food from the Field* program, which enables them to donate all or part of their meat to the local food pantry system.

The ultimate goal of *Food from the Field* is to utilize Wyoming resources to combat food insecurity. The program complements existing donation efforts around the state and the increased collaboration between agencies offers a framework for more processors to participate.

Through these two local businesses, 1,455 pounds of game meat was distributed to Laramie County anti-hunger organizations in the last month to include Needs, Inc., Element Church Food Pantry, Family Promise, Unaccompanied Students Initiative, Salvation Army, True Vine Community Church Food Pantry, St. Joseph's Food Pantry, and the COMEA Shelter.

K-J Meats is a brand new processor in Laramie County and has already processed over 1,000 lbs of meat for *Food from the Field*. Home on the Range Meat Processing has operated in Laramie County for quite some time but partnered with Wyoming Hunger Initiative's *Food from the Field* program for the first time this year to offer hunters an opportunity to donate southeastern Wyoming. These family-owned businesses have a heart for helping their community and have

worked closely with Wyoming Hunger Initiative and the First Lady's office to ensure that this program succeeds.

"K-J Meats and Home on the Range have been fundamental to our success in our second year of operating this program. Prior to participating in this program, Home on the Range Meat Processing gave generously to their community so joining forces with Wyoming Hunger Initiative to make an even larger impact was an easy decision. I'm thrilled that K-J has joined the team in their first year of operation. The fact that we have already 1,500 lbs of game meat being processed to donate in Laramie County is incredible," says First Lady Jennie Gordon.

As a part of the program, all donated deer, elk, and moose will undergo appropriate Chronic Wasting Disease testing to ensure safety prior to entering the food bank system. If you are a hunter wishing to donate game meat this year, please visit either one of these processors to accept your donation. Both processors offer a reduced donation price and Wyoming Hunger Initiative covers the remaining of the processing fees.

### **About Wyoming Hunger Initiative**

*Wyoming Hunger Initiative seeks to find and support Wyoming solutions to the challenge of food insecurity, which affects approximately 86,000 residents statewide. Launched in October 2019, Wyoming Hunger Initiative is the official initiative of Wyoming's First Lady Jennie Gordon and is governed by the Board of Directors of the Wyoming Governor's Residence Foundation, a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. For more information, visit [www.nohungerwyo.org](http://www.nohungerwyo.org).*

*For more information, please contact  
Trista Ostrom, Chief of Staff to First Lady Jennie Gordon  
[trista.ostrom@wyo.gov](mailto:trista.ostrom@wyo.gov)  
(307) 274-0365*

-END-