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Share The Harvest has met its goal for Grundy County and additional funds have been allocated to accommodate additional whole deer donations.

President of the Food Pantry board, Dennis Browning, reported the goal of 50 deer was reached. Now, the Conservation Federation of Missouri is securing funds from other counties, where the goal is not being met, to allow for at least another ten whole deer donation in Grundy County.

Hunters can take their deer to the J and M Processing facility in southwest Grundy County. The business is east of Jamesport. There's NO cost to the hunters to donate deer since funds have been provided to Share the Harvest through other sources.

Tomorrow (Tuesday) is the final day for the firearms portion of Deer hunting season in Missouri. Governor Jay Nixon has joined thousands of Missouri hunters who are donating venison to help provide for those in need. Share the Harvest has helped put nutritious meat on the tables of countless Missouri families for more than 20 years, and continues to grow as more hunters and processors become involved.

In the last hunting season, approximately 6,200 deer were processed through Share the Harvest, resulting in more than 370,000 pounds of venison for needy families. That was an increase over the 54 hundred deer donated for Share the Harvest in 2010 and 42-hundred in 2009. Share the Harvest is a partnership between the Conservation Federation, the Missouri Department of Conservation, regional food banks, local food pantries, and U-S-D-A approved meat processors.