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Food Distribution Division

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of Emergency Feeding Organizations

FROM: Walter G. Beal

DATE: February 18, 2026

SUBJECT: TEFAP Income Eligibility Guidelines

Attached is the revised Income Eligibility Guidelines for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) effective Upon receipt of this memorandum. The income scale reflects 200% of the poverty level and is to be used for households qualifying for TEFAP participation by self-declaration of income.

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Attachment

**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
and CONSUMER SERVICES
FOOD DISTRIBUTION DIVISION**

**THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR
HOUSEHOLD ELIGIBILITY FOR USDA FOODS**

Effective February 18, 2026, through September 30, 2026

Household Gross Income Must Be Below Level of Appropriate Size Household

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	PER YEAR	PER MONTH	PER WEEK
1	\$31,920	\$2,660	\$614
2	\$43,280	\$3,607	\$832
3	\$54,640	\$4,554	\$1,051
4	\$66,000	\$5,500	\$1,270
5	\$77,360	\$6,447	\$1,488
6	\$88,720	\$7,394	\$1,707
7	\$100,080	\$8,340	\$1,925
8	\$111,440	\$9,287	\$2,143
EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER	(+\$11,360)	(+\$947)	(+\$219)

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