**Big Blue Pantry – University of Kentucky**

**Most and Least Needed Items**

We are always grateful for any food donation, but appreciate the chance to request some specific things that move quickly off of our shelves, as well as to share information around what we have too much of/what does not move off of shelves as quickly!

**MOST NEEDED:**

Dairy:

* Half gallons of milk
  + 1%, 2%, Whole and Skim
  + Soy, Almond, Lactose Free
* Eggs
  + Currently stocking cartons or 6 due to capacity
* Cheeses
  + Snack sticks (Colby jack, string cheese/mozzarella)
  + “Snack Medleys” (typical stock 3 varieties – Kroger brand)
  + Shredded cheese (an assortment – is not consistent)
* Butter
  + Sticks (salted and unsalted)
  + Spreadable (typically Country Crock in the small containers)

Bread:

* Loaves: Typically go with ½ loaves, but recently tried whole loaves (not moving as quickly, but still moving)
  + Wheat, Honey wheat, White
* Buns
  + Hamburger, hot dog, etc.
* Bagels
  + Plain, blueberry, cinnamon
* Naan
  + Typically just get the “mini” sized with 4 pieces
* Tortillas (typically try to get different sizes)
  + Corn, flour, etc.

Pasta:

* Boxed macaroni (Kraft, Velveeta, etc.)
* Hamburger Helper (assorted)
* Boxes of Noodles
  + Spaghetti, Rotini, Elbow, Bowtie, Penne, Etc.
* Egg noodles (bagged typically)
* Gluten Free – any variety of noodle!
* Any noodle, really!

Pasta Sauce:

* Alfredo (an assortment)
* Marinara/Red Sauce (an assortment)
* Traditional spaghetti sauce (an assortment)
* Really any sauce that can be used on pasta!

Rice:

* Minute Rice
  + Boxed (brown, white, jasmine)
  + Individual (brown, white, jasmine)
* Bags of rice
  + White, brown, jasmine, basmati, long/short-grain rice

Canned/Sealed Meats:

* Chicken
  + Plain, flavored, really anything
* Tuna
  + Can – in oil, in water, etc.
  + Pouches – any flavor
* SPAM – any flavor
* Lunch Meat
  + Hotdogs
  + Bologna
  + Turkey
  + Ham

Breakfast:

* Cereal (any kind is great!)
  + Big Boxes
  + Individual boxes
* Oatmeal (any flavor)
  + Boxes of 10-12 servings
  + Individual, microwaveable cups
* Granola Bars (any flavor)
  + Fruit and grain bars
  + Nature valley
  + Chewy bars
  + Cliff bars (these are SUPER popular)
* Granola (any kind)

Fruit/Veggies:

* Fresh:
  + Baby carrots
  + Celery
  + Apples
  + Bananas
  + Tomatoes
  + Grapes
* Canned/Individual Cups
  + Applesauce
  + Mandarin oranges
  + Pineapple
  + Pears
  + Peaches
  + Fruit cocktail

Other:

* Jelly/Jam – typically getting strawberry and grape
* Muffin mixes – the ones that you just add water to
* Cooking oils
  + Vegetable, canola, olive, avocado, etc.
* Spices/seasoning
  + Salt and pepper
  + Garlic powder
  + Onion powder
  + Chili powder
  + Paprika, Cayenne, Cumin, etc.
  + Basil, Rosemary, Thyme, Oregano, etc.
  + Curry
* Sauces/Condiments
  + Barbecue
  + Ketchup
  + Mustard
  + Curry sauce
  + Mayo
  + Hot sauce
  + Salad Dressing

**LEAST NEEDED:**

Canned Vegetables:

* Green Beans
* Corn
* Sweet peas
* Carrots
* Carrots and Peas

Soups\*:

* Chicken noodle
* Chicken and rice
* Tomato

\*Really, we don’t need soups right now! I think we’ll be stocked for at least the beginning of this winter.

Canned/Bagged Beans:

* Kidney (of all kinds)
* Black
* Pinto
* Great Northern

Other:

* Peanut Butter