

# ONLINE INVENTORY TOOLS

## True Value of Processing



The USDA Value of donated foods is obtained by using entitlement dollars. There are additional charges that occur when using donated foods that are out-of-pocket expenses and should be considered when placing orders. These additional charges should be factored in when replacing or comparing donated foods with commercial products.

### DETERMINE VALUE



### FACTORS TO CONSIDER

A product containing USDA Foods does not always represent a savings. Commercial options may provide lower prices compared to the additional charges associated with USDA donated foods. Processors offer commodity calculators to assist with determining the number of pounds needed to place an order.

1. Does the processed USDA Foods have a commercial equivalent?
2. Can you afford the commercial equivalent if you run out of USDA Foods?



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