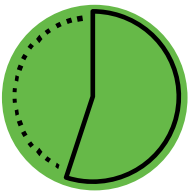


Loss of USDA Foods

2019-2020 and 2020-2021 School Years

TDA analyzed the cause of all losses that occurred at National School Lunch Program (NSLP) state-contracted warehouses in the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. **The analysis showed most losses were due to contracting entities not ordering product, causing it to expire while in storage.**

2019-2020 Expired Items



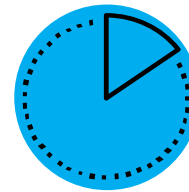
52%
of state losses

0.73%
of entitlement lost

More than **270,000** pounds

99% of losses were
farm to school or fresh produce

2020-2021 Expired Items



10%
of state losses

0.12%
of entitlement lost

More than **37,000** pounds

100% of losses were
farm to school or fresh produce

How can I help reduce the loss of USDA Foods entitlement and commodities due to expiration?

Review your Farm to School (FTS) surveys and add to your calendar.

- FTS items are delivered and allocated exactly as requested.
- Pre-allocations occur on Tuesday before your delivery date.

Closely monitor new allocations – Tuesdays and Thursdays.

- Email notices are sent out to CEs with new allocations.
- Place all new allocations on your next available order.

Monitor your Weekly Commodity Bulletin *at least* monthly.

- Track unordered allocations as they remain in storage
- Check for items under Long Term Storage – these have been allocated for 6 months. **Note:** *USDA recommends commodities should not stay in storage longer than 6 months.*

Notify your ESC representative of allocations you can't use.



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