



Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program

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FFVP 2020-2021



Introduction



Program Year Update



Overview of Web Resources



Tips for Utilizing Program Funds



Coming Soon

2020-2021 Program Year Update

Claiming

Do

- Submit claims as soon after the month ends as possible
- If there are any issues, you will have time to correct them before the deadline

Don't

- Submit a claim for more than the amount you have available
- The claim will not be processed and could potentially create a situation where the claim deadline is missed

Contact

- Questions regarding the FFVP claim should be sent to **FFVPClaims.Bops@TexasAgriculture.gov**
- Questions regarding the FFVP application or changes to the FFVP site application should be sent to **NSLP-SBP.Bops@TexasAgriculture.gov**



Overview of Web Resources

Updated FFVP webpage

- Access it on www.SquareMeals.org/FFVP
 - USDA FFVP Fact Sheets
 - TDA and USDA Policy Handbooks
 - Nutrition Education and Produce Safety Resources

TDA regularly updates the COVID-19 FAQ for School Year 2020-2021 (access on FFVP page)

- FFVP information starting at question 71
- USDA FNS COVID-19 waiver information at <https://www.fns.usda.gov/programs/fns-disaster-assistance/fns-responds-covid-19/child-nutrition-covid-19-waivers>

Nutrition Education Opportunity



- Combines nutrition education and physical activity
- Open to schools operating the NSLP and serving any segment of K-5 student population
- Digital tour provides teacher coaching and one-hour pre-recorded show for student audience
- Child Nutrition Director applies; principals and teachers must opt in to participate
- For more information, visit www.SquareMeals.org/FarmFreshTour
- Informational webinar Friday 1/22
- Application deadline Friday 1/29

Tips for Utilizing Full Year Allocation

Spending your funds

- To utilize 100% of the 2nd allocation by the end of the program, you should be spending approximately **12.5%** of the award **every month**
- Increase the number of days FFVP is offered
- Buy more servings of exotic fruits and vegetables
- Don't forget to claim your labor!



Coming soon!

FFVP Recognition Pilot Program

- 10 unique varieties of fruit; 10 unique varieties of vegetables
- FFVP served 3 times per week; local produce served 2 times per month
- Total fund usage of 75% by the end of the year
- 1 nutrition education session per week (waived during school year 2020-2021)
- Optional: Success or student impact story and photo shared with TDA

FFVP Bimonthly Email and Quarterly Webinar

- Program updates
- Resources
- Other information of interest



QUESTIONS?

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