Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program

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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
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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