

USDA Foods Update

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School Year 2023 Entitlement and Ordering

Weighted Average Pricing will be updated in TX-UNPS next week.

TLS will not be updated in TX-UNPS as it did not change significantly from SY 2019.





2023 Inventory

- ◆ Inventory Evaluation Completed for Processing, DoD and Direct Delivery.
 - ◆ ESC Specialists are reaching out those with low or no usage in each category to assist with increasing usage. (less than 40%)
- ◆ Evaluate your average monthly usage of the USDA Foods you are receiving now to forecast if you will use it by 6/30/23.

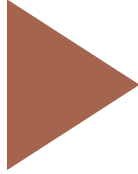
SY 2024 Requests

- ◇ Request only what you can use and use what you request!
- ◇ TDA plans to order in manner that supports historical usage and does not plan on carrying surplus in state accounts at processors.
- ◇ Transfer requests will not correct forecasting and planning issues. CEs must use creative menu planning strategies to utilize the foods requested and realize the benefit.

Menus, Forecasting and Planning

Menus for next school year should be in place.

Forecasts should be completed for items you plan to request for USDA Foods and procure on solicitations.



Jan. 2023

Kicks off in January 2023



1 Mar. 2023

Surveys in TX-UNPS and Catalogs
in WBSCM (Pilot) will close on
March 1, 2023.



Now

DoD Participation Form now
available - Must complete this form
if you want to participate in DoD.

- Site information is for
CHANGES ONLY.

SY 2024 Ordering Season

WBSCM Pilot Transition

All Pilot CEs have been made aware of their participation in the pilot.

ESCs have provided mandatory training to gain user access to the system.

- Training and Assessments must be completed to obtain access to WBSCM.
- ESCs are offering additional trainings for those that missed previous sessions.

Pilot CEs will not complete a Contract Packet or surveys in TX-UNPS.

- Contract Packet Replacement One Pager
- CEs will enter requisitions in catalogs available in WBSM.

Statewide Implementation of WBSCM

- ◇ User information will be requested from Non-Pilot CEs post first round of ordering.
 - ◇ TDA is solidifying process for gathering user information.
- ◇ TDA is working on training schedule
- ◇ Gathering lessons learned from Pilot
- ◇ Reference Materials at:
 - ◇ <https://squaremeals.org/Programs/FDP-WBSCM-Transition-Project>

Processor Dashboard



Data compiled from both tracking systems and Processor monthly reporting



Provides school inventories by categories with charts



Processor historical and current monthly usage



Includes Entitlement utilized in 21-22 for each school by processor and material



Snapshot of all school inventory – can filter by category, processor, material and cooperative

<https://squaremeals.org/Programs/FoodDistributionProgramforNSLP/USDAFoodsProcessingInformation.aspx>

Warehouse Dashboard

Data compiled from TX-UNPS

Ability to track and monitor warehouse allocations and shipments

Provides monthly and cumulative balances

Graphs illustrate trends and storage types – cooler, frozen, dry

Overview of Warehouse inventory by school

<https://squaremeals.org/Programs/FoodDistributionProgramforNSLP/ContractedWarehouses.aspx>

Other Matters

- ◆ CEP and Provisional Schools
 - ◆ Partners offering other program benefits in you schools may still require individual eligibility determinations to offer services.



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