



# Understanding ACDA

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# Learning Objectives

- Learn about the ACDA's mission and objectives, including its commitment to improving the efficiency and effectiveness of food distribution systems.
- Discover how ACDA supports schools and charitable/community feeding programs in accessing USDA commodities and other resources to provide nutritious meals.
- Explore successful strategies and case studies from organizations that have effectively implemented commodity distribution programs.
- Understand the value of connecting with other professionals and organizations to share resources, ideas, and solutions for common challenges.



# Mission and Vision

**Mission Statement** - Strengthening the impact of USDA Food Programs.

**Vision Statement** - Working together to nourish the nation.

# ACDA Pillars

**Guidance** - Maintain awareness of issues impacting the USDA Food Program(s) and report to members as needed. Be the respected resource and voice of the domestic USDA Foods supply chain in guiding public policy development.

**Collaboration**- Provide access and facilitate the exchange of information among a diverse alliance of stakeholders.

# ACDA Pillars

**Education** – Serve as the definitive resource for USDA Food Programs through a variety of educational opportunities.

**Strength** - Sustain a dynamic, nationally recognized organization with strategic governance and quality management systems





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# ACDA Committees

- **Public Policy**
- **Education**
- **Membership**
- **Communication**
- **Processing**
- **TEFAP/CSFP**
- **Conference Planning**
- **Finance**

# Membership Support

**Providing a collective voice in public policy decisions** impacting USDA Foods Programs.

**Equipping members through education, training, knowledge, and resources** for successful and efficient management of these programs.

**Acting as a bridge for collaboration and networking** between stakeholders and leaders in the field of USDA Foods.



# ACDA Strategic Plan



- LMS System
- Training and Resource Development
- Leadership Development
- Recruitment
- Rebranding
- 2026-2028 Strategic Planning



# ACDA Training Resources

## **2027 Annual Conference**

Philadelphia, PA  
April 25-28, 2027

## **Webinars**

## **ACDA On Demand Education**

### **Certificate & Credential Program**

- USDA Foods Overview
- Procurement and Planning
- DoD Fresh
- Direct Delivery
- Processing
- Community Feeding Programs

# ACDA Advocacy



**LEGISLATIVE  
PAPER**



**LETTERS TO  
COMMITTEES**



**HILL VISITS**



**LOCAL  
LEGISLATIVE VISITS**



**LEGISLATIVE  
BRIEFINGS**

# Legislative Update – Changes to SNAP



**July 2025 – “One Big Beautiful Bill” was enacted. This law significantly reduces the number of eligible SNAP recipients and cuts SNAP benefits over 10 years.**



- Will impact direct certification of those families for other nutrition programs.**
- Will increase demand for other nutrition programs, such as TEFAP and CSFP.**

# FY2027 Administrative Budget Request

## Programs Eliminated:

- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) – reduced from \$460 million to zero;
- Farm to School Grants – reduced from \$5 million to zero;
- Institute of Child Nutrition reduced from \$1 million to zero; and
- School Meal Equipment Grants reduced from \$10 million to zero.



# FY2027 Administrative Budget Request

## **Child Nutrition Programs:**

### Commodity Procurement for Child Nutrition Programs:

- The 2027 current law estimate is \$2.18 billion for commodity procurement, an increase of \$98 million over 2026.
- Funding is provided for commodity purchases used in the School Lunch, Child and Adult Care Food, and the Summer Food Service Programs.

# FY2027 Administrative Budget Request

## Household Feeding Programs:

- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (commodities) - The FY2027 Budget provides \$481.5 million to purchase USDA Foods for distribution to low-income Americans through charitable feeding providers.
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (administrative funds) - The FY2027 Budget proposes \$80 million to help support the storage and distribution of USDA Foods provided for TEFAP.
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) - The FY2027 Budget Request eliminates CSFP, preferring instead to focus on supporting seniors through SNAP.

# Farm Bill

- Typically reauthorizes the SNAP program
- Reauthorization of TEFAP and CSFP
- Sets funding levels for TEFAP commodities



# Potential for 2026 Farm Bill

- House
  - House Agriculture Committee passed “The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026” on March 5, 2026
  - Goal to consider in the full House “after Easter recess”
- Senate
  - Senate Agriculture Committee intends to take up own version in “weeks, not months”
- Current Farm Bill expires on September 30, 2026

# Child Nutrition Reauthorization



- Hasn't been done since the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.
- Unlikely to move before the completion of a new Farm Bill.
- Meal reimbursement rates, meal standards, operating parameters, including community eligibility and income verification, are all possible areas of action.

## How Can I learn More?

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# Questions?

