

# USDA Foods Updates

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# Ordering Updates

# WBSCM Deadlines PY-26

Ordering catalogs for NSLP Round 1 closed on February 28th.

**March 1st – April 30th:** USDA Foods team is creating truckloads for USDA approval.

**June 1st – July 30th:** USDA Foods team will redistribute carryover.

- Processors will receive finalized allocations for the year

# Cancelled Requisitions

**March - April 2025**: Requisitions cancelled during this time are due to the following reasons:

- Direct Delivery to State Contracted Warehouse
  - Not enough demand to create a truckload
- Processing Diversion
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  - Plan to offset requests with carryover inventory in July.

# PY25 DoD Fresh

- Reminder that all DoD deliveries must be receipted within 2 business days per USDA guidelines.
- Currently all funds are allocated and being drawn down with excellent utilization by schools.
- DoD additional fund requests depend on the availability of funds at the state level and processed on a first come first serve basis.
- If you have submitted a request but not received additional funds it is due to no funds available at the time and is pending availability.

## PY25 SFSP

- Reminder that SFSP participants utilizing USDA Foods will be spending their entitlement in FFAVORS for fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Applications that are approved by TDA will receive a communication from the USDA Foods team over next steps.
- Must have active district set up in FFAVORS to participate.

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## **Inventory Levels**

- Reminder that schools must maintain their USDA Foods inventory levels less than 6MOH to maintain compliance with the NSLP for SY25.
- Schools need to ensure they are reviewing their Best-If-Used-By Dates, Expiration Dates, and Pack Dates to maintain inventory at optimum quality.
- Forced Shipments are continuing to occur with those CEs that have inventory that has been sitting passed the number of days of free storage.



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## **Inventory**

- All USDA inventory must be depleted and out of the warehouses by April 30th (Processors and State Contracted)

## **Invoices**

- RAs **MUST** pay their invoices timely. Unpaid invoices are subject to legal action.

**Thank you!**