

USDA Foods Updates

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Ordering Updates

SY25 Ordering Monitoring

- Schools should be running a monthly Requisition Status Report in WBSCM to stay up to date on truckload status. This also helps keep the user account active.
- Schools should check their user accounts in WBSCM to validate that appropriate SFA staff are active, have the correct roles assigned, and that their emails are up to date.
- The USDA Foods team uses the emails from the WBSCM User Security Report for communications.
- USDA is expecting to release the Foods Available List in the next couple weeks.
 - Product information sheets are in alignment with sodium and sugar targets.
 - No OJ or Tuna due to supply issues
 - 3 new items will be added including a Black Bean Burger

SY25 DoD Utilization

- The Ordering Team is monitoring DoD usage monthly.
- Schools that have utilized all funds may receive communication asking if they can utilize additional DoD.
- Schools that have not utilized any DoD funds may put themselves at risk of redistribution once USDA Foods completes the usage analysis exercise.

SY26 Preparation

- **Upcoming meetings with USDA Foods:**

- USDA Foods ordering team will be holding online meetings with schools serviced by each contracted warehouse region on December 19 & 20th.
- We will discuss results of the USDA Foods Feedback Survey and provide schools an estimated list of available materials to order for Direct Delivery.
- Invites have been sent, and your ESC can send you a registration link if needed.
- These will also be recorded and posted.

SY26 Preparation

- **The estimated entitlement for NSLP PY26 is now viewable in WBSCM.**
- Entitlement Summary Report for 2026 can be run by ESCs to validate.
- The current rate of assistance published by USDA is .30 cents. These values are expected to increase once USDA finalized the estimated rate of assistance in January.
- This will also include the estimated set aside for DoD. TDA will not be adjusting any entitlement until after USDA validates planned rate of assistance in January.
- WBSCM Catalogs for PY26 are expected to open mid-January once USDA finalizes rate of assistance, expected delivery dates and any updated materials offered.

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Direct Delivery Transfers Requests

- TDA is requesting the reason for wanting to transfer allocated inventory that was ordered by the CE to understand why the CE is giving up entitlement value.

Usage Analysis – CE responses were due December 16th. TDA is currently evaluating the sweeping of excess pounds.

Processing Transfer request will open January 1 – April 30, 2025.

Reminder that All USDA inventory must be depleted and out of the warehouses by April 30th

Mid-Year Counts this week:

- San Antonio Food Bank
- Gold Star Foods

RAs must keep foreign objects found in a USDA Food so it can be sent to the appropriate entity for investigation.

Website Updates

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- TDA has made website updates for NSLP, TEFAP, CSFP, FMNP and SFMNP.
- Improve end-user navigational experience
- Provide continuity across all programs
- Provide more consistent and concise information
- Let's take look!