

Answers to Additional Chat Questions from February 26, 2025, School Call

1. How will we know what items are available in surplus and how do we claim items we can use?

[CEs may reach out to their assigned warehouse to request a list of surplus items.](#)

2. I have USDA funds left for this year in WBSCM from orders being canceled after the catalogs closed. Where is this juice you say you have?

[This juice is located under Direct Delivery for program year 2025-2026. You would not be able to utilize current year entitlement for this request.](#)

3. What steps do we take if we receive product which has a past best buy date?

[CEs should send the material item number and product description to commodityoperations@TexasAgriculture.gov to request expiration information. TDA would need to request that information from the manufacturer; therefore, this process could take approximately 2-3 weeks.](#)

4. How can we get advertised items donated to be deducted/reflected on our quantities available? We use Gold Star.

[More information is needed. Please send your name and school district to our commodityoperations@texasagriculture.gov to discuss further with TDA.](#)

5. I accidentally ordered roasted chicken instead of turkey roast. I have already submitted for approval status. I just overlooked the chicken. How do I cancel the roasted chicken and add turkey roast. If I add the turkey roast now it will put me in the negative.

[CEs should request a cancellation through commodityoperations@TexasAgriculture.gov and resubmit a new requisition for the intended item](#)

6. How do we request to see if more DOD funds exists within this fiscal year and could be allocated towards a district who have exhausted their current allocation?

[The DoD Additional Funds request form can be located on \[www.squaremeals.org\]\(http://www.squaremeals.org\) Food Distribution Program for NSLP](#)

7. My Cherry Central Was Canceled. It was in there correct. I got to get 1 case of the dried cherries and have enough pounds left for all but 1 cent of another case (by far less than I asked for) At any Rate I Want My USDA truck at Mega-Con that I got last year and with the pounds that are left I can not get said truck As it says I am at 50 percent.

More Information is needed. Please reach out to your ESC for technical assistance.

8. We are finalizing our trucks for WBSCM and noticed Penne pasta has tripled in price this year. Is this normal?

Prices change throughout the year depending on industry demand and market variables. USDA procures all USDA Foods to obtain competitive pricing. Market changes, such as packing or material price increases, impact the prices quoted to USDA on their solicitations. USDA evaluates all price quotes to ensure they are a fair market value before awarding the solicitations.

9. I have placed some of our items (direct delivery) on advertisement with Gold Star and districts have taken them, but they are still showing on my inventory. I do not have access to which district took the advertised items to fill out a school to school transfer.

More information is needed. Please send your name and school district to our commodityoperations@texasagriculture.gov to discuss further with TDA.

10. I am Stephanie From Jefferson and have always been in FFVP (Peas-Fection) I have a strange thing happening here next year. My FFVP School is Consolidating to my Elementary. Is that going to be an issue?

In the past, if both elementary sites (site A and B) were allocated a FFVP award but in the upcoming school year, 100% of the children from site A will merge into site B, the award for site A would be transferred to site B.

11. Can you please type the steps/link/site for DOD request? Too fast for me to follow. Thank you.

The DoD Additional Funds request form located on www.squaremeals.org Food Distribution Program for NSLP. Please contact your ESC for specific step-by-step assistance.

12. what is the best email address to reach out to about the best by dates vs expiration dates on USDA products?

To contact TDA regarding USDA Foods, CEs may email commodityoperations@texasagriculture.gov or Squaremeals@Texasagriculture.gov.