

# USDA Foods Updates

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# Ordering Updates

# SY 2023-2024

**NSLP Available Entitlement:** No more ordering rounds are available for the remainder of SY 23-24.

- NSLP Non-Pilot Group – Surplus quantities, if available at your respective State Contracted Warehouse, can be ordered to utilize Available Entitlement, by accessing the Delivery Order-CE module in TX-UNPS.
- NSLP Pilot Group - Gold Star Foods offers surplus cases through on-going “Advertisements” in their system. For questions, contact the NSLP coordinator at the Gold Star.

**DoD FFV:** Please complete receipts in FFAVORS for each delivery within 7 calendar days from date of delivery.

# SY 2024-2025

## **DoD NSLP**

Allocated Entitlement and new campus sites will be loaded into FFAVORS from May 2024 through June 2024. Ordering for PY 2025 begins on July 1, 2024.

## **NSLP**

As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, all catalogs have been closed in the WBSCM system. Schools no longer have access to the NSLP catalog module under Domestic Order Entry. During this time, the ordering team is adjusting requisitions in the system. This may involve the following status changes:

- Requests that potentially show the status changed to cancelled as we adjust and re-enter information.
- Delivery Date changes
- Quantity Requested

*TDA will communicate final results of Round 1 in May.*

# SY 2024-2025

- **Round 2**
  - Catalogs will open May 1<sup>st</sup>
    - **Excludes seasonal and one-time buys**
    - *Delivery Periods will not include* July, August, and September
  - Round 2 will be from **May 1st – May 29th**
- **Action Items**
  - **April 29<sup>th</sup>** – Attend the Next Steps Webinar
    - TDA will host a webinar to discuss validation of Round 1 and what steps need to be taken next for Round 2
    - Run Entitlement Summary Report to validate available balance to spend in Round 2
  - **May 1<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>** – Place Requisitions

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## Usage Analysis

- Final round concluded on 2/29/2024
- 4.9 million LBS swept into the state account.
  - 2.5 million has been redistributed

## Transfers

- Transfer period ends **April 30<sup>th</sup>**
- 1028 submitted with only 20 pending
  - 526 State Acct LBS requests vs 502 school-to-school requests
- RAs must check their tracking system balances before submitting a transfer request
- Only RA personnel can request transfers

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## Reducing Inventory

- RAs need to order their allocated inventory before inventory counts.
- Start with Looking at Long Term Storage first, then short – term
- Surplus is also available in State Contracted Warehouses, if needed

**Schools should have all Inventory ordered by April 30th**



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## Annual Physical Inventory Dates

- San Antonio Food Bank- **May 20th – May 24th**
- El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank – **May 20th – May 24th**
- US Foods – **May 20th – May 24th**
- Gold Star Foods- **June 3rd – June 7th**

## Pending Dates

- Central Texas Food Bank
- Forte Frozen Food Bank