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October 2024 Monthly Newsletter

TDA Launches 2025 TEFAP Challenge!

The Texas Department of Agriculture is proud to announce the very first TEFAP Challenge! The 2025 TEFAP Challenge offers a unique opportunity for food banks to earn recognition for their effective use of USDA Foods entitlements throughout the year. By utilizing 95% of their allocated entitlement, food banks will receive a certificate of completion and recognition at TDA's MegaCon 2025.

Timeframe

- Challenge Start Date: October 1, 2024
- Challenge End Date: September 30, 2025
- TEFAP entitlement usage in Program Year 2025

Winner Announcement:

- A letter of Recognition from Commissioner Miller
- Certificate of Completion
- A digital badge to showcase on your food bank's website
- Recognition on the SquareMeals.org website

All TEFAP participating food banks are automatically entered in the challenge. For more information contact TDA at outreach@texasagriculture.gov.

New Site Form Released

TDA has released an updated Form H1510 TEFAP Site Information. Changes were non-substantive to clarify priority classifications with a new Priority Classifications tab. The updated form is located on the TEFAP Administration/Forms page of [SquareMeals](#).

[TANS Update](#)

The Texas Automated Nutrition System (TANS) will replace TX-UNPS for administration and management of all programs beginning with Program Year 2026 applications. Timelines, resources, and updates are available now on the [Systems Hub](#).

[New Form Released](#)

TDA has released an updated Participant Voucher Issuance Log. This form has been converted to Excel for clarity and ease of use. The Form instructions were also updated to reflect these changes. The updated form and instructions are located on both the [SFMP and FMNP Administration/Forms](#) pages on SquareMeals.

[FDP: USDA Foods Ordering Updates](#)

Calendar Year (CY) 2025 orders placed by TDA on behalf of food banks were rolled up in WBSCM by 9/27/24 for delivery periods of January 2025 through March 2025.

- Ready to Eat (RTE) Cereals - Available for States to order for CY2025 as full truckload quantities to each food bank destination. Please prepare to accommodate the increased quantities of these RTE Cereals:
 - o 110373 Cereal Wheat Shredded = 2,016 cases
 - o 111732 Cereal Wheat Bran Flakes = 1,344 cases
 - o 111740 Cereal Corn Flakes = 1,248 cases
 - o 111741 Cereal Oat Circles = 1,248 cases
 - Multi-Food Warehouse – USDA FNS is working with Paris Brothers to address the current nationwide delivery delay issues, which are mostly impacting FDPIR (Indian Reservations) and States that order directly from this warehouse. At this time, these delivery delays do not impact Texas as there are no multi-food deliveries currently scheduled or anticipated for the remainder of CY2024
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[TEFAP Training Page is Now Live on](#)

The Food & Nutrition Division Training team is excited to share an important update regarding the TEFAP Training Program. The new [TEFAP training page](#) went live July 2024 on squaremeals.org. This marks a significant milestone, as TEFAP now has its own dedicated page separate from CSFP.

This update is part of the TEFAP Reach & Resiliency Grant Training Initiative (FY22 Round 1.0) and includes the following enhancements:
New TEFAP Branded Banner - A fresh look for the TEFAP training resources.

Comprehensive TEFAP Training:

- **Onboarding and New CE Training** - Utilizing the TEFAP Policy Handbook Series, which provides detailed guidance for navigating the course.
- **Self-Paced Web-Based Modules** - Ten modules corresponding to each chapter of the TEFAP Policy Handbook, complete with USDA Professional Standards Codes and Certifications of Completion.
- **Instructor-Led Virtual Training** - Recordings of 10 TEFAP Policy Handbook Series webinars delivered to the CEs in June 2024.



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