

July 2025 Monthly Newsletter

TANS Talk: FDP Edition

Did you know TX-UNPS is retiring?

Over the next two years, TDA's nutrition and food distribution programs will move from TX-UNPS to our very own Texas Automated Nutrition System (TANS).

Some of our Food Distribution Programs will be the first to launch in TANS:

- The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)
- Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

August 2025

• FDP applications begin in TANS

November 2025

- FDP claims begin in TANS
- FDP compliance begins in TANS

Tune into the FDP Edition TANS Talk!

On July 8, TDA hosted a TANS Talk webinar exclusively to help FDP organizations get up to speed on the transition. Visit the <u>TANS</u> <u>homepage</u> under **"TANS Updates"** to view the recorded webinar.

SFMNP and FMNP Bimonthly Call

TDA will host its bimonthly call on July 16, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. We invite you to join us for important updates on the Farmers Market and Senior

Farmers Market Nutrition Programs. If you have any questions or need access to join the call, please contact the USDA Foods Compliance Team or CommodityOperations@TexasAgriculture.gov.

RELEASE: Revised Alternate TEFAP Participant Application Form (H1555b)

TDA has posted updated English and Spanish versions of the alternate TEFAP Participant Application Form (H1555b) with the updated Income Eligibility Guidelines for Program Year 2025-2026.

These forms are located on the **<u>TEFAP Administration/Forms page</u>**.

TDA Submitting Commodity Supplemental Food Program Waiver

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is currently requesting a waiver from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to allow partner agency food banks to provide a Commodity Supplemental Food Program package to eligible seniors without the meat component due to current disruptions in inventory levels. TDA is also requesting to distribute the meat, poultry, and fish components retroactively once sufficient inventory is available. If the waiver is granted, TDA will distribute incomplete food packages until sufficient inventory is restored.

New TEFAP Training: Handling Program Complaints and Conflict Resolution

Web-based TEFAP training for Handling Program Complaints and Conflict Resolution is now available on <u>Squaremeals.org</u>.



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