

2025 ISBE School Nutrition Training

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

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**CHILD NUTRITION
PROGRAMS**



Food Distribution Program

Understanding the Value

Topics

- Funding
- Spending Options
- Hot Topics
- Q&A



Funding



SY25-26 estimated PAL Factor is \$0.40

PAL calculation:

$\$0.40 \times \text{SY23-24 NSLP lunch counts} + \text{SSO lunch counts} =$
SY25-26 Beginning PAL Balance

Tip: PAL often increases in July – request more!

PAL Allocations

SY24-25 PAL Allocations	# of SFAs	
\$1 - \$10,000	269	55%
\$10,001 - \$25,000	283	
\$25,001 - \$50,000	205	33%
\$50,001 - \$100,000	130	
\$100,001 - \$500,000	109	
\$500,001 - \$1,700,000	13	12%
\$13,000,000	1	
Total PAL: \$68,000,0000	TOTAL SFAs: 1,010	

Spending Options

USDA Foods

DOD Fresh

Processing

Spending Option Utilization

% of SFAs participating in each Spending Option	USDA Foods 88%	Processing 46%	DOD 76%
% of PAL requested by Spending Option, statewide	USDA Foods 30%	Processing 37%	DOD 33%

FDP Annual Order Period



- Opened Jan. 13
- Three spending options:
USDA Foods, DOD Fresh,
Diversion to Processors
- Diversion to Processors
option closed Feb. 24-28
and reopened March 3-7
- **Annual Order Period closed
March 7**

Questions? Email fdp@isbe.net

FDP – Spending Options – **USDA Foods**

- Order once per year via ISBE's Illinois Commodity System (ICS)
- Order updates may be made throughout the year
- Delivered monthly, August through April
- Anticipated USDA Foods Chart helps in planning menus and storage needs
- Delivery cost associated that does not come from PAL dollars













FDP – Spending Options – USDA Foods

Click on Bonus to place a bonus order

2026 - SCHOOL (A) ▼

Fruits ▼

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PAL	Bonus											
		Code	USDA Foods Name	PAL/ Bonus	Accepted	Requested	Balance	Case Value	Requested Value	Pack Size	Storage Type	
		111790	APPLE JUICE, 100%, UNSWEETENED, CUPS, FRZ	PAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	0	\$15.3600	\$0.0000	96/4 oz cups	Freezer	
		100206	APPLE SLICES, CND UNSWT	PAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	0	\$39.4056	\$0.0000	6/#10 CANS	Dry	
		110541	APPLESAUCE, CND, UNSWT	PAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="50"/>	50	\$23.5439	\$1,177.1950	6/#10 CANS	Dry	
		110361	APPLESAUCE CUPS, UNSWT, 96/4.5 OZ	PAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="100"/>	100	\$19.0080	\$1,900.8000	96/4.5 OZ CUPS	Dry	
		100261	APRICOT CUPS, DICED, FRZ, 4.5 OZ	PAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	0	\$45.6746	\$0.0000	96/4.5 OZ CUP	Freezer	
		100216	APRICOTS, DICED, XLT SYRUP, CND	PAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	0	\$46.1822	\$0.0000	6/#10 CANS	Dry	
		110623	BLUEBERRIES, Highbush FRZ 12/2.5#	PAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="75"/>	75	\$40.6410	\$3,048.0750	12/2.5# CARTONS	Freezer	
		100299	CHERRIES, DRIED 4/4#	PAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	0	\$76.2704	\$0.0000	4/4# PACKAGES	Dry	
		110723	CRANBERRIES, DRIED, 300/1.16 oz	PAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="100"/>	100	\$48.3676	\$4,836.7600	300/1.16oz pkgs	Cooler	
		110859	MIXED BERRIES, CUP, FRZ	PAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="50"/>	50	\$39.5496	\$1,977.4800	96/4oz cups	Freezer	
		100212	MIXED FRUIT, XLT SYRUP, CND	PAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="100"/>	100	\$43.8681	\$4,386.8100	6/#10 CANS	Dry	

New USDA Foods

Black Bean Burger, Patties, Cooked



Code: 111860

Pack Size: Approximately 165-137 patties/case

Case Size: 30 lb. case

Estimated Price/Case: \$107.70

Crediting: One patty credits as 2.0 oz MMA

Additional Information: This product contains soy. Dairy and egg ingredients are not allowed.

New USDA Foods

Chicken, Pulled, Cooked



Code: 111881

Pack Size: 6/5 lb. or 3/10 lb. bag

Case Size: 30 lb. case

Estimated Price/Case: \$136.80

Additional Information: This product is 100% white meat chicken. Soy and gluten-containing ingredients are not allowed.

New USDA Foods

Apple Juice, cups, frozen



Code: 111790

Pack Size: 96/4 oz cups

Case Size: 24 lb. case

Estimated Price/Case: \$15.36

FDP – Spending Options – USDA Foods

Beginning PAL Balance: \$71,248.3200	
DOD Fresh Allotment: \$40,000.0000	
Diversion to Processing: \$17,532.7500	
Available for USDA Foods Requests: \$13,715.5700	
Value of USDA Foods Requested: (can exceed available by up to 35%): \$18,508.1020	
USDA Foods Received YTD: \$0.0000	
Remaining PAL Balance YTD: \$13,715.5700	

FDP – Spending Options – **USDA Foods**

SEASONAL (IDIQ) FRUIT AND VEGETABLE ANNUAL CYCLE:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fruit: Apricots (Canned, Frozen), Peaches (Canned, Frozen), Mixed Fruit, Strawberries, Mixed Berries, Pears• Vegetables: Peas (Canned, Frozen), Green Beans (Canned, Frozen), Corn (Canned, Frozen), Pepper & Onion Blend, Carrots (Frozen, Canned), Diced Tomatoes	
For Delivery:	Due in WBSCM:
October 2025-September 2026	March 28, 2025

FDP – Spending Options – **USDA Foods**

OTHER PURCHASE & ORDER CYCLES** See WBSCM catalog Domestic Order Entry Screen	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fruit: Apples (Fresh, Bulk),• Vegetables: Broccoli, Spinach, Potatoes (Frozen, Bulk)• Fish: Catfish, Pollock Sticks (Bulk Pollock),	
For Delivery:	Due in WBSCM:
Varies	See WBSCM or check w/specialist

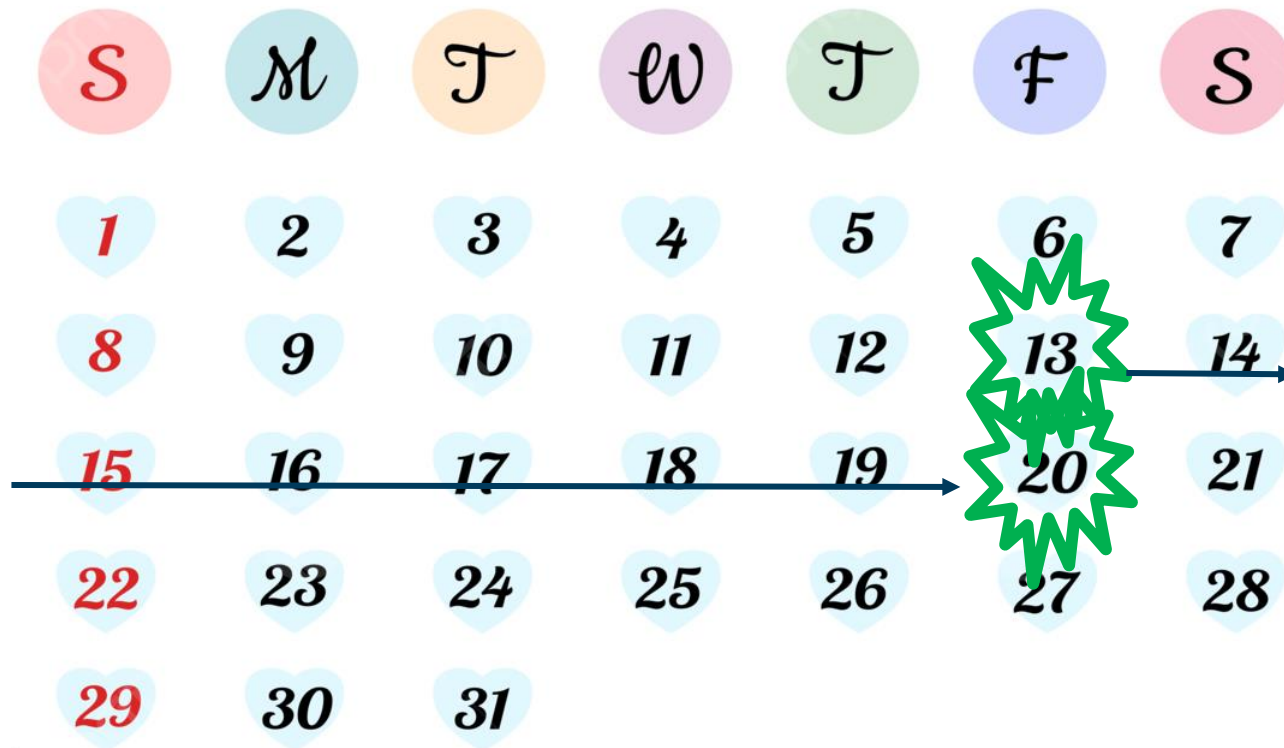
FDP – Spending Options – USDA Foods

Anticipated USDA Foods Chart

FRUITS CND/DRY	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Apple Slices (100206)						X		X	X
Applesauce (110541)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Applesauce Cups (110361)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Apricots Diced (100216)				X				X	
Cranberries, Dried (110723)	X	X		X		X		X	
Mixed Fruit Cnd(100212)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Peaches Cling Diced (100220)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Peaches Cling Sliced (100219)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Pears Diced (100225)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pears Sliced (100224)		X		X	X	X	X		
Raisins (100293)	X	X	X	X		X	X		

FDP – Spending Options – **USDA Foods**

- Check ICS between the 13-20 each month



FDP – Spending Options – **USDA Foods**

- Delivery sites must be proportionate to the value of USDA Foods requested
- Don't skip this step in the Annual Order process



USDA Foods Delivery Rates

SY 2025-26 Rates (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)

Description	Price
Delivery	\$7.37 per case
Custom Delivery	\$0.83 per case
Refusal/Backhaul	$\$7.37 + \$3.69 = \$11.06$ per case

ISBE plans to rebate schools a portion of the delivery costs.

FDP – Spending Options – DOD Fresh

- Allocate a portion of PAL once per year
- Order weekly via FFAVORS
- Receipt weekly via FFAVORS
- Delivered weekly, all school year (as long as money is available)
- \$150 minimum order per delivery
- No separate delivery cost to the school

FDP – Spending Options – DOD Fresh

FFAVORS: Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Order Receipt System



Customer Ordering Manual

DOD/FFAVORS Update

FFAVORS:

***Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Order
Receipt System***



Customer Ordering Manual

- DOD / FFAVORS receipt requirements have changed
- Orders must be receipted within 2 business days (used to be 5 business days)
- New orders cannot be submitted until receipts are processed

FDP – Spending Options – DOD Fresh

Receipting Requirement



The screenshot shows the 'Customer Homepage' for 'SEMINOLE COUNTY SD'. A green arrow points to a red warning message: 'You have receipts that are past due. You will be unable to place any new orders until the past due receipts are processed. Select the 'Receipts' link to process the receipts.' Another green arrow points to the 'Edit Receipts' link in the 'Orders' section, which is followed by the text '** You have receipts that are due now **'. The page also features sections for 'Orders' and 'Reports' with various links.

Customer Homepage

Welcome, SEMINOLE COUNTY SD

Please select from the following options:

You have receipts that are past due. You will be unable to place any new orders until the past due receipts are processed. Select the 'Receipts' link to process the receipts.

Orders

- Place a New Order
- Modify Pending Order
- Edit Receipts ** You have receipts that are due now **
- View an Order
- Current Fund Balances
- Product News Flashes
- Email Account Specialist

Reports

- Usage Reports
- Budget Balance/Spent
- Catalog

When there are past due receipts on the customer account, a warning is displayed on the Customer Homepage. No new orders can be created until the past due receipts are processed.

FDP – Spending Options – DOD Fresh

- Additional DOD funds available now!



FDP – Spending Options – Processing

- Allocate a portion of PAL once per year
- Order from your contracted distributor
- Delivered based on your distributor contract terms
- Delivery cost based on distributor contract terms
- Value is passed by designated method

FDP – Spending Options – Processing

1. ISBE [Processing Calculator](#)

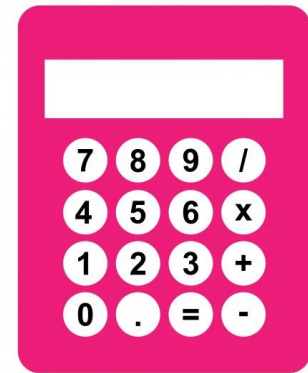
- 12 Step Process
- Approved End Products Report

2. Processor commodity calculators

- Spreadsheet or online
- Processor specific information pre-filled

3. Distributor commodity calculators

- Spreadsheet or online
- Pre-filled information for all processors the distributor works with



FDP – Spending Options – Processing


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Approved End Products Report (Search)

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Generate reports for Approved End Products.

Approved End Products are offered in three ways: Fee for Service, Rebate, or Net Off Invoice. By specifying the following criteria, you can create customized reports that will suit your needs.



* Program Year:


* Product Type: ☒ Fee for Service ☒ Net Off Invoice ☒ Rebate

* Processor:

* USDA Foods Category:

End Product Code:

End Product Description:



FDP – Spending Options – Processing

Processor

CHEDDAR CHEESE SAUCE (5705)

Case Weight: 30.00
Servings/Case: 263
Pieces/Serving: 1.82OZ
Serving Size (oz): 1.82OZ
Fat/Serving (grams): 8.00
CN Contribution Quantity
Meat / Meat Alternate (oz): 1.00

USDA Foods
CHEESE, NATURAL AMERICAN

PAL/Bonus	Cost/lb	lbs/Case	Cost/Case	Cost/Serving
PAL	\$2.1037	15.00	\$31.5555	\$0.1200

Offered As: Net off invoice

FDP – Spending Options – Processing

- Value Pass Through Methods
 - Direct discount
 - Refund or rebate
 - Indirect discount (net off invoice)
 - Fee for service

FDP – Spending Options – Processing

Enforcing the sweep policy to reduce inventory at processors

- Sweep unused pounds June 30
- Monitor usage throughout the year



FDP – Spending Options – All Three Options

- Carefully analyze the best way to use Food Distribution Program entitlement dollars
- Entitlement is only an asset when it is used
- Entitlement is estimated to save 15% on your food costs



FDP – Spending Options – All Three Options

Track your deliveries and balances year-round

- USDA Foods deliveries and balances
 - ICS
- DOD deliveries and balances
 - FFAVORS
- Processor deliveries and balances
 - K12
 - Processor Link
 - Distributor site



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ADMINISTRATIVE HANDBOOK

Illinois Commodity System (ICS)

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Order Receipt System (FFAVORS)

K12 Foodservice

ProcessorLink

School Food Authority Resources

ICS Resources

Processor Resources

Value of USDA Foods Data

RESOURCES

- Fact Sheet: Diversion to Processor
- Fact Sheet: DOD
- Fact Sheet: USDA Foods
- Food Safety
- School Nutrition Programs
- Summer Food Service Program
- USDA FDP Information Sheets
- USDA Foods Database
- USDA Foods Processing
- USDA Infographics
- USDA Policy Memos

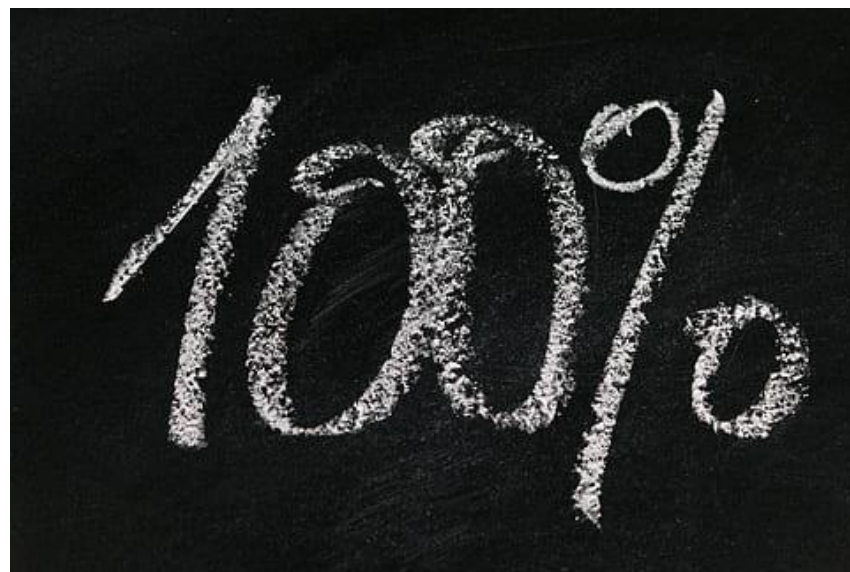
Hot Topics

USDA Foods Delivery Rebates SY24-25

ISBE will rebate schools
100% of SY24-25 delivery
costs paid to Lanter
Distributing

Lanter will issue rebate
checks to school districts
this summer

More details to come



Hot Topics

- Delivery Site Change Form
 - Fillable PDF on website
 - 5 case minimum



Hot Topics

Recall notices are posted on the ICS message board and on the Nutrition webpage under What's New? Please be sure to read the notices and review your inventory.



Hot Topics



- USDA Foods Database released September 30, 2022
- USDA Foods Product Information Sheets still available

Hot Topics

- USDA Foods material code
- Brand name
- Nutrition facts
- Serving size
- Allergen information
- Ingredients
- Kosher and halal certification (when applicable)



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Illinois Commodity System
(ICS)



Fresh Fruits and
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System (FFAVORS)



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School Food Authority Resources



FDP Resources

- ICS Message Board
- School Nutrition Programs Handbook
- ICS Instructions
- FFAVORS Manual
- Anticipated USDA Foods Chart
- USDA Foods Database
- Processing Calculator

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Nutrition-Programs-Food-Distribution.aspx>

Questions



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Thank you