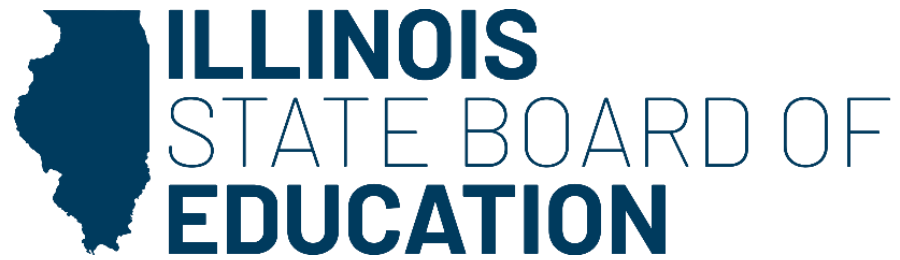


Food Distribution Program Training



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Topics

- SY2026-27 Annual Order Period
- PAL Allocations
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FDP Annual Order Period



- Opens Jan. 12
- Closes March 6
- Processing closed week of Feb. 23-27



PAL Allocations

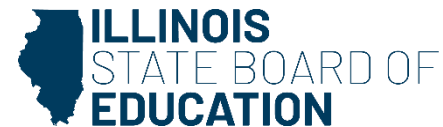


SY26-27 estimated PAL Factor is \$0.45

PAL calculation:

$\$0.45 \times \text{SY24-25 NSLP lunch counts} + \text{SSO lunch counts} = \text{SY26-27 Beginning PAL Balance}$

Tip: PAL often increases in July – request more!



Spending Options

USDA Foods

DOD Fresh

Processing

Spending Option Utilization

% of SFAs Participating in Each Spending Option

USDA Foods
89%

DOD Fresh
80%

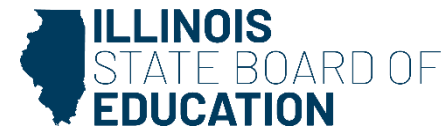
Processing
49%

% of PAL Requested by Spending Option, Statewide

USDA Foods
28%

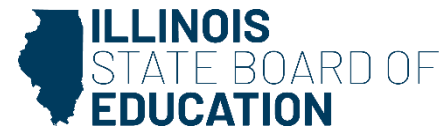
DOD Fresh
32%

Processing
40%



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



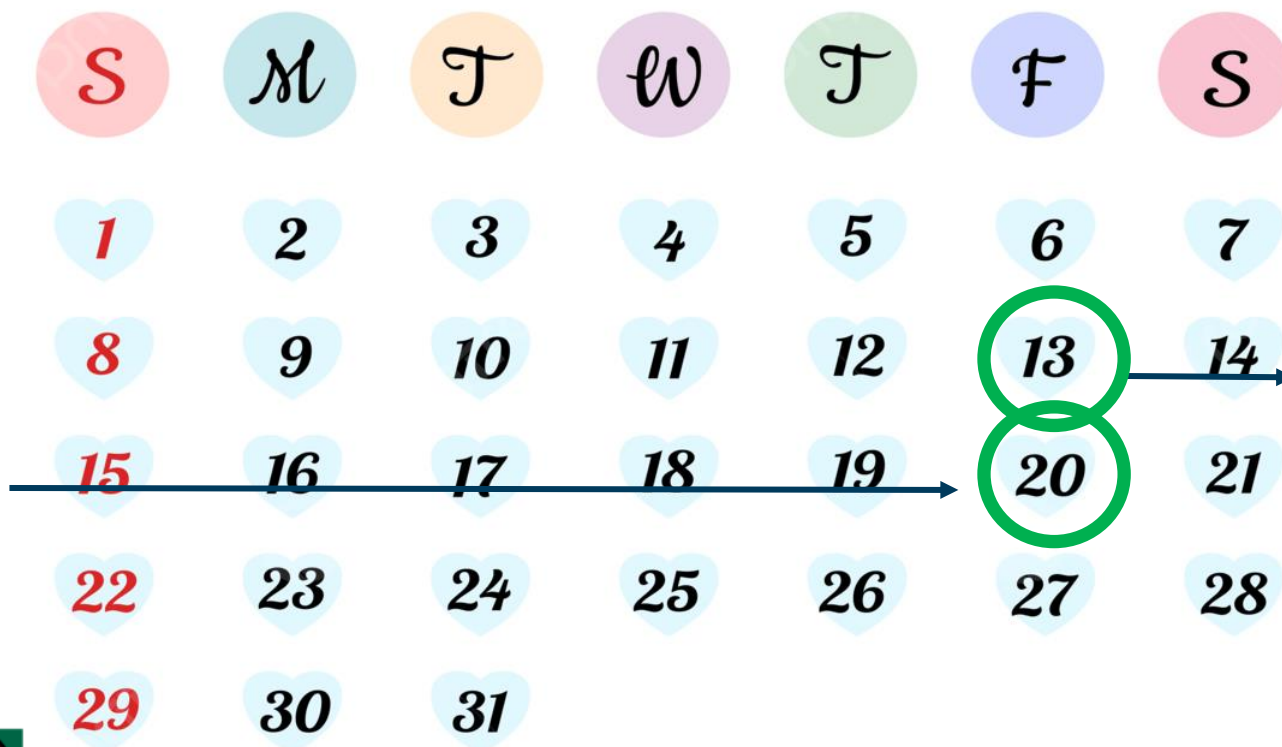
FDP – Spending Options – USDA Foods

Anticipated USDA Foods Chart

FRUITS CND/DRY	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Apple Slices (100206)						X		X	X
Applesauce (110361)	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 (110725)	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		

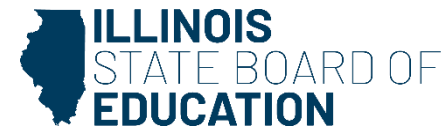
FDP – Spending Options – **USDA Foods**

- 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

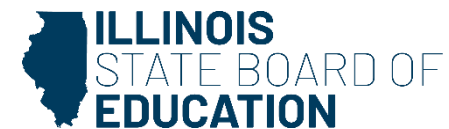


USDA Foods Delivery Rates

SY 2026-27 Rates (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027)

Description	Price
Delivery	\$7.71 per case
Custom Delivery	\$0.86 per case
Refusal/Backhaul	$\$7.71 + \$3.86 = \$11.57$ 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 Receipts

FFAVORS:

***Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Order
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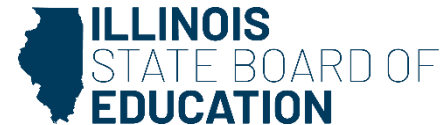


Customer Ordering Manual

- Orders must be receipted within 2 business days
- New orders cannot be submitted until receipts are processed

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](#)

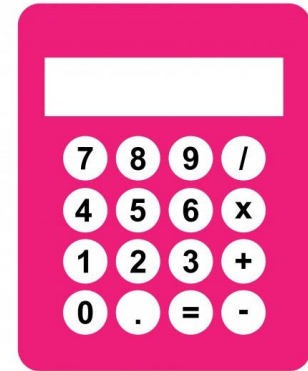
- 12 Step Process
- Approved End Products Report

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



Processing Tips



FDP – Schedule

Annually

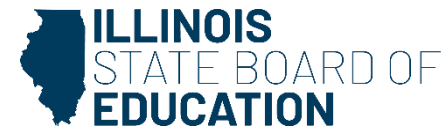
- Forecasting
- DOD Fresh
- Processing
- USDA Foods

Monthly





- USDA Foods
- 13th-20th
- Anticipated USDA Foods Chart

Weekly

- ICS Messages



FDP – Spending Options – Processing


 Logout  EasyNav  Change Password  Help

Approved End Products Report (Search)

Home Entity Annual Order Forms Processing USDA Orders Monthly Process Reports Administration

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:

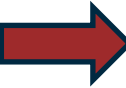
End Product Description:



FDP – Spending Options – Processing

Processor

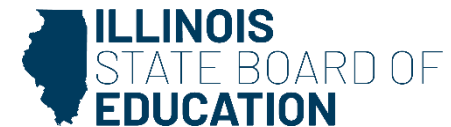
CHEDDAR CHEESE SAUCE (5705)

 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

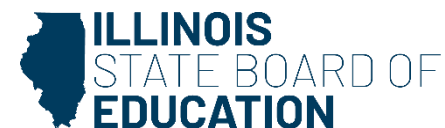
- Value Pass Through Methods
 - Direct discount
 - Refund or rebate
 - Indirect discount (net off invoice)
 - Fee for service



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

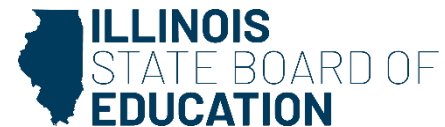
- Carefully analyze the best way to use Food Distribution Program entitlement dollars
- Entitlement is only an asset when it is used
- Entitlement is estimated to save 15% on your food costs



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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- USDA Infographics
- USDA Policy Memos

School Food Authority Resources

ICS Resources

Processor Resources

Value of USDA Foods Data

Hot Topics

USDA Foods Show Opportunities

Friday, October 17, 2025

Tinley Park, Illinois

ILSNA Annual Conference – Exhibit Hall

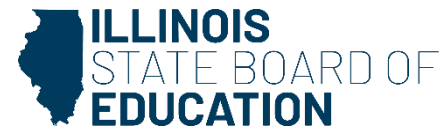
Friday, January 23, 2026

Rend Lake College

468 Ken Gray Pkwy, Ina, Illinois

Southern Illinois Cooperative Buying Group

Training in the morning / food show in the afternoon



Hot Topics

USDA Foods Show Opportunities



The poster is divided into two main sections. The left section, titled 'COMMODITY EXPO AND VENDOR SHOWCASE', is set against a blue background with a green base. It features logos for the Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, the Illinois State Board of Education, and the ISNDA (Illinois School Nutrition Directors Association). The event is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM, with registration opening at 7:30 AM. The location is Ameristar, 1 Ameristar Blvd., St. Charles, MO. The right section, titled 'NETWORKING RECEPTION', is set against a white background with a blue border. It features the Illinois State Board of Education logo. The event is scheduled for Monday, February 16, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, at the RYSE Night Club at the Ameristar, 1 Ameristar Blvd., St. Charles, MO. A green banner at the top right states 'Free admission to both events'.

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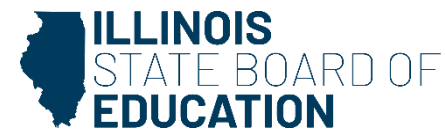
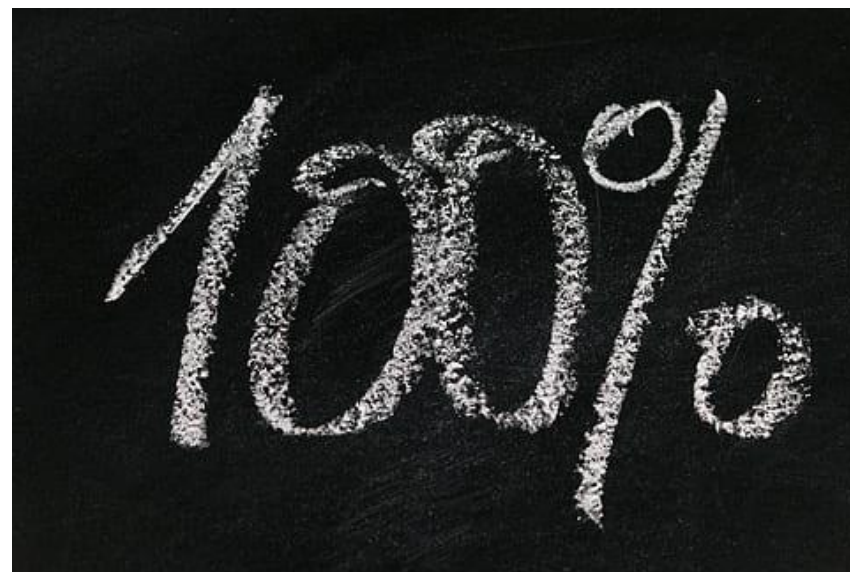


Hot Topics

USDA Foods Delivery Rebates SY24-25

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

Lanter issued rebate
checks to school districts
this fall



Hot Topics

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

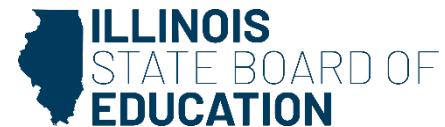


Hot Topics

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.

A red rectangular graphic with a subtle geometric pattern. The words "RECALL" and "ALERT" are written in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters, stacked vertically in the center of the rectangle.

**RECALL
ALERT**



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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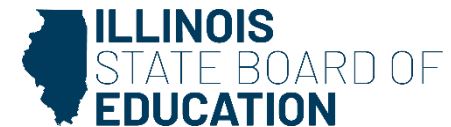


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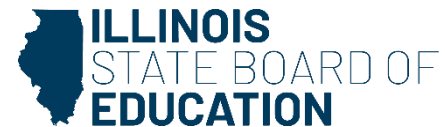
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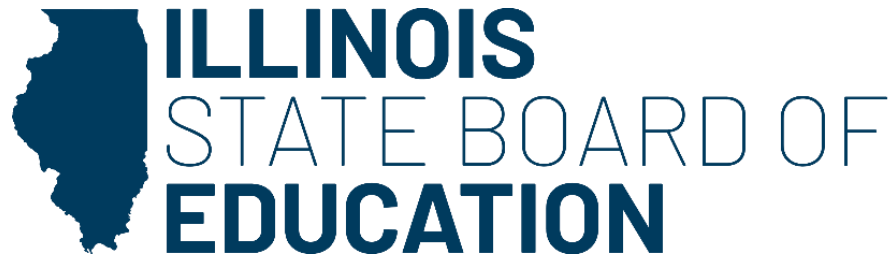
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<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Nutrition-Programs-Food-Distribution.aspx>



Question & Answer Session



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