

Buy American

- Purchase, to the maximum extent possible, domestic commodities or products.
 - Made in the USA
 - Product of the USA
 - Produced in the USA
- Domestic commodity or product is defined as an agricultural commodity or product that is produced or processed in the United States using substantial agricultural commodities that are domestic.
 - Substantial - over 51 percent of the final processed product consists of agricultural commodities grown domestically.

Compliance with Buy American

- It is each school's responsibility to ensure USDA dollars are spent on American grown products.
 - Include a Buy American clause in procurement documents for food.
 - Sample clause: ***The vendor shall purchase, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic commodities or products which are either an agricultural commodity produced in the United States or a food product processed in the United States substantially using agricultural commodities produced in the United States.***
 - Confirm U.S. product by checking labels on products or obtain documentation/certification from the distributor or supplier.
- Non-domestic items must have sufficient documentation to justify the purchase.
 - Recommend using ISBE's "Buy American – Record of Exceptions" form.

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