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Newsletter

February 2024 Monthly Newsletter



Register for MegaCon 2024

Registration has begun for MEGACON - TDA's annual comprehensive training event for federal nutrition programs! Registration has already topped 450 people. A hotel room block is available for our attendees. Join in this fun and educational event May 14-16 in Austin. **Don't be late - register TODAY!** Visit [SquareMeals.org](https://www.squaremeals.org) for more information.

Updates for the Emergency Food Assistance Program

USDA Foods Ordering

TEFAP PY 2024

TEFAP Entitlement – Catalog closes 03-13-24 for new requests into WBSCM for delivery periods July-December 2024. ** Catalog closes 03-13-24 for new requests into WBSCM for delivery periods October through September 2025 for seasonal one-time buy fruits and vegetables.



Please check entitlement available to spend WBSCM to take advantage of an opportunity for additional truckloads.

TEFAP Bonus Offerings: Please remember to fill out the chart for each bonus offering, including the column indicators for additional truckloads. This section helps the USDA Foods Team with response time should Southwest Regional Office send out a first come-first serve offering to take ownership of some truckloads, above and beyond the initial allotment, including items that area not initially allotted.

TEFAP PY 2023

LATE CCC_TE bonus grapes. Hurricane Hilary caused significant damage to this year's grape crop. AMS is working with the vendors to figure out a plan for the supply shortage. USDA is working to fulfill all late truckloads with delivery periods as far back as September through end of calendar year 2023. These are not cancelled.

LATE almonds, dates, garbanzo and pinto beans, lentils, hazelnuts, walnuts, dried cherries, rice, whole bagged chicken, peanut butter, pasta, flour, salmon, pollock, and strawberries. USDA is working to fulfill all late sales orders through end of calendar year 2023. These are not cancelled.

Inventory Management

- Continue to monitor Best-If-Used-By Dates (BIUB) and Expiration Dates to maintain inventory levels at 6 Months on Hand or less. If any transfers are needed, please notify TDA.
- TDA will review and follow up with CEs regarding Corrective Action Plans (CAP) for TEFAP FNS-155 submissions.
- Continue to enter Goods Receipts into WBSCM within 24 hours of receiving CSFP and TEFAP inventory.
- Submit H1638 JotForm, as needed for all CSFP and/or TEFAP losses.

Updates for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program

- Ready to Eat (RTE) cereals that arrived from the multi-food warehouse in December for January and February box builds have a 60-day shelf life. Please consistently check the Best-If-Used-By date.
- Remember to reference the REVISED Maximum Monthly Distribution Rates for issuance.

- USDA has awarded Paris Brothers (based in Kansas City) a new contract for the national warehouse system to deliver CSFP multi-food shipments. It is for nationwide delivery.

Inventory Management

- December FNS-153 review is complete. Our top 3 highest CSFP Months on Hand (MOH) inventory levels are UHT Milk (7.30 MOH), Vegetables (4.18 MOH), and Fruit (3.47 MOH). Our lowest CSFP MOH inventory level is Animal-Based Protein (2.30 MOH). Continue to monitor Best-If-Used-By Dates (BIUB) and Expiration Dates for all inventory and distribute accordingly. If any transfers are needed, please notify TDA. Lastly, CSFP Multi-Food shipments have a shelf-life of 2-3 months, so ensure you distribute following that quick turnaround timeframe.
- January FNS-153 Template has been sent out.

Updates for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program and the Farmers Market Nutrition Program

PY24 S/FMNP Annual S/FMNP Training

The annual mandatory PY 24 S/FMNP training was hosted by the Texas Department of Agriculture on 1/23/24. The training has been recorded and posted on [SquareMeals.org](https://www.squaremeals.org).

PY 23 End of Year Survey Results

A PY23 Survey was created by the Texas Department of Agriculture and provided to participating farmers, farmers market associations, and WIC and Senior participants to complete. The data compiled was produce favorites and least favorites, suggestions for future farmers markets.

View the PY23 S/FMNP End of Year Survey Results one pager. In 2023 TDA created the first survey to ask participants (WIC and seniors), farmers, farmers market managers for input about their experience with the markets, what their favorite and least favorite products were from the markets, and any suggestions. The survey also includes the total number of vouchers issued and redeemed for both programs.

How to use WIC FMNP Vouchers at Markets

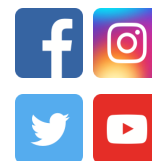
USDA Foods created a one pager for our participating FMNP Contracting Entities to provide to their WIC participants on instructions on how to utilize

their WIC FMNP vouchers at participating markets.

The '**How to use WIC FMNP vouchers**' one pager instructions will be provided to WIC clinics and WIC participants at participating FMNP markets. The one pager will provide a quick guide on how the program works, how the participant will receive vouchers, and how they will be used for eligible produce purchases.



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