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September 2025 Monthly Newsletter

Clarification for FMNP/SFMNP Allowed Foods

TDA has updated Forms H1440 (SFMNP) and H1442 (FMNP), Allowed-Disallowed Foods, to clarify that edible parts of allowed fruits and vegetables (such as blossoms or stalks) are permitted to be sold separately.

Join us for the September "TANS Talk!"

Mark your calendar for **Thursday, September 11 from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. (CDT)!**

TANS Talk is an office hours session that will allow organizations to review TANS related updates. We are excited to share all of the new updates about this platform and answer any questions.

How to Participate in TANS Talk:

Use this **TANS Talk Feedback Form** to submit any TANS questions you would like to see reviewed during the call. Please note that the *Feedback Form will close on Wednesday, September 10 at 5 p.m. (CDT)* to give our team time to prepare for the meeting. Visit the **TANS homepage** and **Resources page** for access to past TANS Talks, updates, trainings, and more.

USDA Guidance for Program Referrals

On August 25, USDA released guidance reminding organizations of the other federal programs that organizations must refer participants to and clarified that written guidance may include electronic methods. Section 3 of TDA's CSFP handbook was updated in March to reflect that SFMNP was added to the previous list of referral programs per the recent 7 CFR 247 update.

TDA will continue to review this new guidance and will revise the handbook as needed.

The memo can be found [here](#) and includes links to information for the referenced federal assistance programs.

New CSFP Guide Rate - Effective September 1

USDA has revised the Maximum Monthly Distribution Rates (the guide rate) for food packages for CSFP. The new guide rate is effective for distributions beginning September 2025. Significant revisions include the reduction of combinations for the plant-based proteins and cereal categories to just the previous top line option for each. Also note the larger pack sizes for some food items are being reduced or will no longer be available, such as for chili, chicken, lentils, and rice.

Food banks should continue to distribute from their current inventories of the previous large pack food items until consumed and replaced with any of the new sizes. The full guide rate can be found on SquareMeals under resources as well as policy updates for CSFP and on USDA's site [here](#).

USDA Foods Ordering Updates

CSFP Highlights

- USDA published the updated monthly distribution rates, Effective September 1, 2025.
- Supplemental Multi-Food shipments have been placed to assist Texas with supply of small-can animal protein and pasta/rice components.
- Per USDA FNS guidance, food banks must be prepared to receive Multi-Food deliveries on the "Required Delivery Date" noted on each Sales Order. TDA will continue to notify food banks of approved orders in advance.
- Use the Multi-Food Requisition Report to monitor activity and set delivery period parameters for calendar year 2025: 01/01/2025 through 12/31/2025.

TEFAP Highlights

- Ordering opportunities for Program Year (PY) 2025 catalogs are closed.
- USDA updated WBSCM for PY 2026. Orders are due September 25, for deliveries expected from January through March 2026.
- Generate the WBSCM Entitlement/Bonus Summary Report periodically to track your Entitlement Balance and commit toward available catalog

materials.

CSFP & TEFAP – Shared Reporting Reminder

- Generate the WBSCM Requisition Status Report routinely to update your records.
- Focus on Sales Order Status and Material Quantities.
- Use search dates for CY 2025: 01/01/2025 through 12/31/2025.

Increase to the Formal Procurement Threshold

On September 1, 2025, in accordance with Texas Senate Bill 1173, which raises the formal procurement threshold for school districts from \$50,000 to \$100,000, TDA is also raising the formal procurement threshold to \$100,000 for all nutrition and household programs. As such, beginning September 1, any single transaction over \$10,000 but below \$100,000 will require the small purchase method, and transactions of \$100,000 and over will require formal procurement. TDA is in the process of updating these thresholds in all program handbooks.



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