



1. What are USDA Commodities?

- ▶ Foods available from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for schools to supplement their National School Lunch programs. USDA Commodities consist of items such as ground beef, chicken, pork, grains, cheese, canned or frozen fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, oil and pasta. USDA Commodities may be diverted for further processing to provide such items as cooked beef patty, cooked chicken patty, salad dressing, burritos, pizza, instant mashed potatoes and shelf stable fruit products.
- ▶ USDA commodities provide 16-20 percent of a school's food service department's food costs.
- ▶ Entitlement funds may be redirected to the DOD Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program.

2. Funds Designation

- ▶ USDA designates the Human Services Department (HSD), Income Support Division, Food and Nutrition Services Bureau (FANS) as the state distributing agency responsible for the distribution of USDA Commodities to the schools in New Mexico.

3. Federal Entitlement Funds for Commodities

Year	Entitlement in Dollars	Bonus in Dollars	Total in Dollars
2012	8,680,685	139,039	8,819,724
2011	10,170,220	241,970	10,412,190
2010	7,564,825	1,209,119	8,773,944
2009	8,146,787	1,148,456	9,295,243
2008	7,862,201	52,783	7,914,984
2007	7,389,736	0	7,389,736
2006	6,253,760	279,209	6,532,969
2005	6,175,183	2,033,283	8,208,466
2004	6,363,987	1,171,128	7,535,115

4. Required Allocation of Entitlement Funds

- ▶ 100% of entitlement funds are allocated to schools the beginning of the school year.

5. NM Schools Eligible

- ▶ 88 School Districts
- ▶ 33 Private Schools, Charter Schools and Residential Centers
- ▶ 34 Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Schools

All schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program through the NM Public Education Department (PED), Student Nutrition Bureau are eligible to participate in the USDA Commodity Distribution Program.



6. Fund Distribution

- ▶ Commodity Entitlement is allocated to all eligible schools based on their Average Daily Lunch Participation (ADP).
- ▶ Updated ADPs are provided for all eligible schools to the FANS Bureau by PED once a year.

7. FANS Bureau Services

- ▶ Administer, store and deliver USDA commodities for schools in New Mexico per *7 CFR Part 250*.
- ▶ Deliver commodities to schools monthly (August - May).
- ▶ Provide annual USDA commodity training to food service directors.
- ▶ Monitor school entitlement balances.
- ▶ Survey schools on USDA commodities and then order trucks according to the schools' needs.
- ▶ Provide training for schools interested in diverting commodities for further processing.
- ▶ Approve all State Participating Agreements with manufacturers.
- ▶ Assist schools in utilizing their USDA commodities effectively.
- ▶ Request feedback from schools regarding USDA commodities and product received that was diverted for further processing.
- ▶ Conduct reviews of schools identified by PED for non compliance with USDA regulations pertaining to Commodity Program.

8. Program Outcomes

- ▶ Supplement school breakfast and lunch which feed approximately 124,000 breakfasts and 212,000 lunches daily with USDA commodities. Increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables through the DOD Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program.

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