

USDA Foods Distribution Fact Sheet

(Formerly known as USDA Commodities)

1. What are USDA Foods?

- ▶ Foods available from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) are used to supplement a School Foods Authority's Breakfast Program (SBP) and National School Lunch Program (NSLP). USDA Foods consist of items such as ground beef, chicken, pork, grains, cheese, canned and frozen fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, oil and pasta. USDA Foods 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 Foods provide 16-20% of a School Food Authority's food costs.
- ▶ Entitlement funds may be redirected to participate in the DOD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

2. Funds Designation

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

3. Federal Entitlement Funds for USDA Foods

Year	Entitlement in Dollars	Bonus in Dollars	Total in Dollars
2015	10,878,244	36,513	10,914,757
2014	10,319,228	0	10,319,228
2013	9,044,840	164,684	9,209,524
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 the School Food Authorities.

5. 212 NM School Food Authorities Participate in NSLP

- ▶ 89 School Districts
- ▶ 25 Private Schools
- ▶ 42 Charter Schools
- ▶ 15 Residential Centers
- ▶ 27 Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Schools

All School Food Authorities that participate in NSLP through the NM Public Education Department (PED), Coordinated School Health and Wellness Bureau, are eligible to participate in the USDA Foods Distribution Program. The FANS Bureau distributes to 157 School Food Authorities throughout the state.

6. Fund Distribution

- ▶ USDA Foods Entitlement is allocated to all eligible School Food Authorities based on their Average Daily Lunch Participation (ADP).
- ▶ An updated ADP is provided for all eligible School Food Authorities to the FANS Bureau by PED.

7. FANS Bureau Services

- ▶ Order, store and deliver USDA foods to eligible School Food Authorities in New Mexico per 7 CFR Part 250.
- ▶ Deliver USDA Foods monthly (August - May).
- ▶ Provide annual USDA Foods training to food service directors.
- ▶ Monitor entitlement balances.
- ▶ Survey School Food Authorities on USDA Foods and then order trucks according to the schools' needs.
- ▶ Provide training for School Food Authorities interested in diverting USDA Foods for further processing.
- ▶ Approve all State Participating Agreements with manufacturers.
- ▶ Assist School Food Authorities in utilizing their USDA Foods effectively.
- ▶ Request feedback regarding USDA Foods and products received that were diverted for further processing.
- ▶ Conduct reviews of schools identified by PED for non-compliance with USDA regulations within NSLP.

8. Program Outcomes

- ▶ School breakfast and lunch programs were supplemented. New Mexico provides approximately 204,207 lunches using USDA Foods. In 2013, 36,817,968 lunches were served in total.
- ▶ Increased access to fresh fruits and vegetables was provided through the DOD Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program.

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