

# USDA Foods Distribution

(Formerly known as USDA Commodities)

## Fact Sheet

### 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 percent 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 Human Services Department (HSD), 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 Dollars	Bonus Dollars	Total Dollars
2016	\$11,289,930	\$0	\$11,289,930
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

### 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 154 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

- ▶ Supplement school breakfast and lunch programs. Daily NM feeds approximately 199,023 lunches using USDA Foods. In 2016, NM served 35,824,296 total lunches.
- ▶ Increased access to fresh fruits and vegetables through the DOD Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program.

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