



Message from the Director

The USDA commodity program has seen an increase in available foods and bonus commodities for SY09 and for SY10. The DOD Program allocated dollars are at a record high for SY 10; \$1.5 million has been allocated to schools around the state.

Like many towns and municipalities, the state is facing budget cuts and staff shortages. As a result of the state Retirement Incentive Package, Wayne Stocking transferred from the Connecticut Food Distribution Program (CFDP) to DAS Fleet Operations because of staff shortages. We are sad to see Wayne go, but we wish him well at his new position. Dan Sadowski and I will be working throughout the summer to determine core business needs, and we are committed to continuing to provide the good customer service to which you have become accustomed. Enjoy your summer!

Single Inventory Reminder:

On July 1, 2002 the CFDP adopted the USDA waiver from federal regulations that requires the state distributing agency to take physical inventory of commodities during annual reviews of recipient agencies (school food authorities).

- It is no longer a requirement to record USDA commodities on a daily production record or to maintain a perpetual inventory.
- USDA commodities may be co-mingled with purchased foods. It is no longer a requirement to store USDA commodities separately.
- A June 30 year-end inventory is no longer required.
- A school system may choose to continue to store USDA commodities separately and record them on a daily production record.
- Schools that use a commercial warehouse can co-mingle USDA commodities with purchased foods.
- Schools are no longer required to receive permission/ transfer number(s) from the CFDP to transfer USDA foods to another school system. However, a transfer form is available on the Marketplace if documentation is needed.
- A commodity loss should be treated as a purchased food loss. It is no longer a requirement to report USDA commodity food losses to FDP.

(Special Note: As always, USDA Federal Regulations require USDA commodity losses with a value totaling \$2500 or more be reported to USDA. In the event this occurs, please notify the Food Distribution Program.) For more information on Single Inventory please click on the link:

http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/policymemo/pmfd020_CNP-SingleInventory.pdf

Get Ready for WBSCM!

USDA has provided some information on the Web Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) project schedule. ECOS will be shut down on or about December 15, 2009 and WBSCM will become available on December 31, 2009. USDA will train the state agencies in the northeast in September 2009.

Once we've attended the training and are comfortable with WBSCM, we will develop a training schedule for schools. We will present WBSCM at the School Nutrition Program and SN-ACT Industry and Commodity Processing Show at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell on September 24, 2009. If you are attending SNA ANC in Las Vegas, please attend the WBSCM session and give us a call when you get back.

In Other News

Sysco prices will remain the same for SY10: Per the contract award with Sysco - beginning July 1, 2009 - the price for delivery will remain at \$3.20 and pickup price will remain at \$2.20. Storage charges will also remain the same. To read the contract please go to http://www.das.state.ct.us/Contracts/004_0033.pdf

SY 2009-2010 Estimated Commodity Assistance Rate:

Preliminary entitlement information for SY 2009-2010 has already been used in planning orders for the 2009/2010 school year (July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010). The estimated commodity assistance rate for SY 2010 happens to be the same as last year, which is 20.75 cents per lunch. Figures used to calculate this rate are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and are based on the Producer Price Index. Information to calculate the actual rate will not be available until July 2009. CFDP will alert you once the actual commodity assistance rate is approved and published in the Federal Register.

Bidding and Procurement Guidance: For information on bidding commercial and commodities, go to the Marketplace website: http://www.das.state.ct.us/FedFood/bidding_seminar.htm

Carryover Balances at the Processor: On November 30, 2009, carry over balances at the processors will be transferred from the schools' accounts to the state's name, and the commodity will be made available to all schools. Schools should reference USDA policy (FD-040, January 12, 2005: Commodity Inventory Reduction at Further Processors: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/PolicyMemo/pmfd040_SP-FurtherProcessorsInventory.pdf) for when inventory draw-down occurs in relation to the different value pass through methods. Since there may be a delay in inventory draw down at the processor end, please keep this in mind when reviewing inventory balances.