



## News & Notes

**WHAT? ECOS IS HERE TO STAY?** Not exactly... USDA announced last week that the implementation of Web Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) has been delayed. The new date will be announced in the future. We will let you know more information as it becomes available.

**SAVE THE DATE:** December 2, 2010, FDP will be holding a training session and USDA Commodity Food Show at the Crowne Plaza, in Cromwell. Stay tuned for more details.

**Distribution of USDA Commodities:** The Sysco contract will expire on October 3, 2010. The Department of Administrative Services has posted an RFP and more details will be provided after the contract has been awarded. Click on the link to read the RFP [http://www.das.state.ct.us/rfpdoc/009\\_0330.pdf](http://www.das.state.ct.us/rfpdoc/009_0330.pdf)

**USDA Commodity Program School News:** Click on the link to read USDA's April Newsletter, there's a lot of interesting information: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/news/schupdates0410.pdf>

**Commodity Meal Reimbursement Rate:** Because USDA didn't meet the 12% provision for SY 2010, \$.0250 has been added to the estimated SY 2011 meal rate. The new estimated SY 2011 meal rate is \$.2200.

**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](http://www.das.state.ct.us/FedFood/bidding_seminar.htm)

**Carryover Balances at the Processor:** On November 30, 2010, 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](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.

## Single Inventory Reminder

On July 1, 2002, the Connecticut Food Distribution Program (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 Connecticut Food Distribution Program 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](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/policymemo/pmfd020_CNP-SingleInventory.pdf)