

# Where's the Beef?!

And What's In It?

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Material Desc.	Vendor Name	Requested Qty.	Sales Unit	Cost / LB	Net Dollar Value	Ship-To Name
BEEF 100% PATTY FRZ CTN-40 LB	CHERRY MEAT PACKERS, INC.	950.000	CS	2.32	\$88,118.20	SYSCO FOOD SERVICE OF CT
BEEF 100% PATTY FRZ CTN-40 LB	PALO DURO MEAT PROCESSING	950.000	CS	2.32	\$88,118.20	SYSCO FOOD SERVICE OF CT
BEEF 100% PATTY FRZ CTN-40 LB	CHERRY MEAT PACKERS, INC.	950.000	CS	2.26	\$85,728.00	SYSCO FOOD SERVICE OF CT
BEEF BNLS SPECIAL TRM FRZ CTN-60 LB	CENTRAL VALLEY MEAT COMPANY	42,000.000	LB	3.37	\$141,351.00	CULINARY STANDARDS
BEEF BNLS SPECIAL TRM FRZ CTN-60 LB	CENTRAL VALLEY MEAT COMPANY	42,000.000	LB	3.77	\$158,466.00	CULINARY STANDARDS
BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	CHERRY MEAT PACKERS, INC.	42,000.000	LB	2.18	\$91,408.80	MAID-RITE STEAK COMPANY INC
BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	CENTRAL VALLEY MEAT COMPANY	42,000.000	LB	2.18	\$91,408.80	DON LEE FARMS
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BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	FOUR S FOODS, LP	42,000.000	LB	2.18	\$91,408.80	PIERRE FOODS, INC
BEEF COARSE GROUND FRZ CTN-60 LB	CHERRY MEAT PACKERS, INC.	42,000.000	LB	2.18	\$91,408.80	JTM PROVISIONS INC
BEEF FINE GROUND FRZ CTN-40 LB	CRISS CROSS EXPRESS OF IL	1,000.000	CS	2.37	\$94,836.00	SYSCO FOOD SERVICE OF CT
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BEEF FINE GROUND FRZ CTN-40 LB	FOUR S FOODS, LP	1,000.000	CS	2.35	\$93,864.00	SYSCO FOOD SERVICE OF CT
BEEF FINE GROUND FRZ CTN-40 LB	FOUR S FOODS, LP	1,000.000	CS	2.35	\$93,864.00	SYSCO FOOD SERVICE OF CT
BEEF FINE GROUND FRZ CTN-40 LB	CHERRY MEAT PACKERS, INC.	1,000.000	CS	2.36	\$94,332.00	SYSCO FOOD SERVICE OF CT
BEEF FINE GROUND FRZ CTN-40 LB	CHERRY MEAT PACKERS, INC.	1,000.000	CS	2.30	\$92,032.00	SYSCO FOOD SERVICE OF CT
BEEF FINE GROUND FRZ CTN-40 LB	CHERRY MEAT PACKERS, INC.	1,000.000	CS	2.10	\$84,176.00	SYSCO FOOD SERVICE OF CT
BEEF FRESH BNLS COMBO-20/2000 LB	IBP, INC	40,000.000	LB	2.38	\$95,284.00	TYSON FOODS INC
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BEEF LEAN PATTY FRZ CTN-40 LB	CHERRY MEAT PACKERS, INC.	950.000	CS	2.36	\$89,854.80	SYSCO FOOD SERVICE OF CT
BEEF SPP PATTY FRZ CTN-40 LB	CHERRY MEAT PACKERS, INC.	950.000	CS	2.11	\$79,990.00	SYSCO FOOD SERVICE OF CT
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BEEF SPP PATTY FRZ CTN-40 LB	CHERRY MEAT PACKERS, INC.	950.000	CS	2.10	\$79,784.80	SYSCO FOOD SERVICE OF CT
BEEF SPP PATTY FRZ CTN-40 LB	CHERRY MEAT PACKERS, INC.	950.000	CS	2.05	\$77,744.20	SYSCO FOOD SERVICE OF CT
BEEF SPP PATTY FRZ CTN-40 LB	CHERRY MEAT PACKERS, INC.	950.000	CS	2.07	\$78,751.20	SYSCO FOOD SERVICE OF CT
BEEF SPP PATTY FRZ CTN-40 LB	CHERRY MEAT PACKERS, INC.	950.000	CS	2.03	\$77,269.20	SYSCO FOOD SERVICE OF CT
					<b>\$2,784,177.60</b>	

**USDA Beef Ordered for CT – This doesn't mean these are the only suppliers – Commingling meat is allowed.**

- Secretary Vilsack has been clear that there is no mission more important to USDA than ensuring the health and safety of the food served to 31 million school children every day, and we are committed to a comprehensive, coordinated approach to food safety for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).
- Since the early 1990s, Lean Finely Textured Beef (LFTB) has been allowed as a component of the ground beef purchased by USDA for distribution through the NSLP.
- Because of USDA's existing interlocking rings of protection, there have been no foodborne outbreaks in schools associated with USDA-purchased products in over 10 years, and USDA foods are equal to, and often exceed, the quality of their commercial counterparts. Among the policies and procedures currently protecting school children are inspection and food safety plan requirements for each cafeteria, rigorous purchasing requirements and testing protocols, and mandatory food safety controls.
- Only beef that has successfully completed the inspection requirements by the Food Safety and Inspection Service is eligible to enter into the NSLP. In addition, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) imposes strict requirements on food purchased by USDA for the NSLP to ensure that the food served to our children is safe, such as routine testing of all ground beef products for pathogens before any product is delivered.
- All AMS beef purchases for the NSLP meet very high food safety standards which include stringent pathogen testing.

## USDA Talking Points

- The Food Safety and Inspection Service and the Food and Drug Administration consider ammonium hydroxide as a “Generally Recognized As Safe” food additive.
- Ammonium hydroxide is used to produce a lean meat product that is added to ground beef to reduce the overall fat content without compromising flavor. It also has some degree of anti-microbial effect. Ammonium hydroxide also is used in a variety of other processed foods, such as baked goods, gelatins and puddings, and cheeses, and can occur naturally in foods.

**From USDA - Ammonium Hydroxide**

“Since LFTB is an approved meat source that does not require additional labeling, the information you are requesting is proprietary business confidential information which we are not at liberty to provide. It would be up to the individual company to release this information if they chose to do so.”

Martin E. O'Connor  
Chief, Standardization Branch  
Livestock and Seed Program  
Agricultural Marketing Service  
USDA

**Is LFTB In My Ground Beef?**

No LFTB:

- BEEF BNLS SPECIAL TRM FRZ CTN-60 LB
- BEEF FRESH BNLS COMBO-20/2000 LB
- Frozen Cubed Diced Beef

Not all Beef Further Processors can support using these forms of meat.

Price – these beef items are about 20% higher in price

Talk with the Brokers and Manufacturers today – they will help you with the products and cost questions you have

**Is LFTB in all Beef?**

Any USDA Foods left at the Sysco warehouse after, June 21, 2012, will be **forfeited** by the School District. Entitlement dollars **will not** be returned to the District's balance.

Further Processed Beef Products –The Food Service Director must contact their contracted distributor or manufacturer to discuss any potential changes to their existing contracts.

Any Further Processed Beef Products at the Sysco warehouse are the responsibility of the School District. The School District must take delivery of the further processed beef product and pay the further processing fees to the further processor and the distribution fees to the distributor.

**Can I Refuse Beef?**

Ordering deadlines have passed for many USDA Foods. A School District may contact the Food Distribution Office by email to request beef order cancellations no later than June 30, 2012.

Talk to the Food Processors and Brokers at today's Show. They will have suggestions.

**What about next SY?**

- It is possible USDA will offer Ground Beef without LFTB
- USDA is due to make an announcement today that schools will have the choice to receive ground beef with or without LFTB
- The Food Distribution Office will continue to keep everyone informed

**Will USDA Offer Ground Beef without LFTB?**

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**Who do I contact at USDA?**