

## ***ALL USDA FOODS SHOULD BE OUT OF SYSCO BY JUNE 30, 2012***

The FDP Office recommends school districts receive all USDA Foods in the school year they are ordered. USDA Foods left in the warehouse over the summer may be forfeited by the school district and will be subject to storage fees.

***Department of Defense (DoD) Program:*** \$2.7 million has been allocated to the DoD Program and a record 93 school districts are participating for SY 13!

As a reminder, FDP will assess the monthly entitlement expenditures for all participating districts. For districts with little or no entitlement dollar expenditure, FDP will, without warning, re-allocate available entitlement dollars to other participating school districts.

***WBSCM Catalog:*** As you are well aware, USDA has canceled many deliveries this school year for a variety of reasons. They're working internally to fix the scheduling and procurement issues before they open the SY 13 catalog. We will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

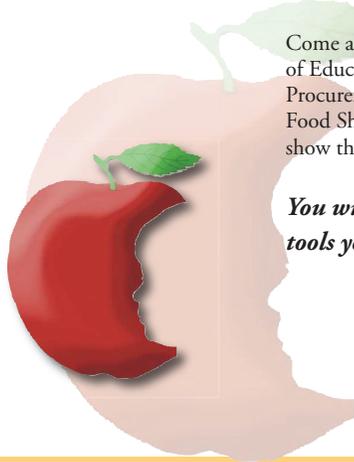
***WBSCM Training:*** FDP will be offering WBSCM ordering and report training in March. We will send out an invitation email the week of January 16th.

***WBSCM Manual:*** The Web Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) Manual is available on-line: <http://das.ct.gov/FedFood/Home/FINAL%20WBSCM%20Manual.ppt>

## **SAVE THE DATE!!**

**Thursday, March 15, 2012**

**8:00 am to 4:30 pm at The Rocky Hill Marriott**



Come and join the The Department of Administrative Services, Department of Education and Hartford Food Service Director Lonnie Burt, for an in-depth Procurement Training Session followed by a USDA Foods Further Processed Food Show. Many USDA further processors and brokers will be on-hand to show their products for school year 2013.

***You will leave the Procurement Training and Food Show with the tools you need to create a food bid and/or RFP!***

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*Registration and meeting details will follow soon.*

### ***What Are USDA Foods?***

The USDA Food program (formerly referred to as commodities) makes available more than 180 frozen, fresh, canned and dried products.

Despite the many improvements, there are still misperceptions about USDA Foods and the National School Lunch Program.

The USDA Foods Toolkit is a collection of valuable resources to assist school nutrition professionals and educate students, school staff and the community about the healthy and nutritious contributions that USDA Foods provide to school meal programs.

Click here to go to the Toolkit: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/foods/healthy/Toolkit.htm>