

NEW Swap Post Info

No more waiting until the Sysco Allocation Report to find out how many cases you requested were really transferred to your district!

There's a report on the Market Place entitled "Swap Post Redistribution Report" <http://das.ct.gov/FedFood/Redistribution%20Report%207-1-2012%20-%2010-15-2012.pdf>

This report will be updated by the 5th and 15th of every month with the items that were approved and transferred to all requesting districts.

We have several USDA Foods posted on the Swap Post for SY 12/13 and many are new USDA Foods that we've never offered before. Please go to the website to see what's available and follow the instructions for requesting Swap Post Items.

The Swap Post is on the Food Distribution Website: http://das.ct.gov/FedFood/News/SwapPost/WECAFS_SwapPost.asp

The Swap Post Rules: <http://das.ct.gov/FedFood/News/SwapPost/SwapPostRules.doc>

USDA Foods and the new Meal Pattern

If you are having trouble utilizing the USDA Foods you ordered for SY 12/13, please contact the Food Distribution Program Office at 860-713-5147 to discuss possible solutions. Remember, for USDA Foods already received at the Sysco warehouse, or at your school, the Swap Post is available for posting excess USDA Foods. Further Processors are working hard to reformulate products to meet the new regulations. Raw USDA Foods already received at the Further Processor can only be transferred to another Further Processor due to a change in a contract award.

Commodity Meal Reimbursement Rate

SY13 entitlements increased nationally by \$66 million dollars which was distributed to states according to meals served. The increase is necessary to meet Section 6(e) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) which requires that the value of USDA food (commodity) assistance for schools be no less than 12 percent of all Federal assistance provided under sections 4, 6, and 11 of the NSLA each school year. This essentially increases the USDA food assistance level for SY 13 to **about .24 cents per meal** (up from .2275). For SY 14, FNS budget projections indicate that about \$100 million dollars will need to be added to the projected "per meal value" to meet the 12% provision.

Carryover Balances at the Processor

On November 30th, carryover 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.

Sometimes Brokers/Manufacturers will contact you stating there's "Bonus" USDA Foods available. When dealing with carryover balances, this isn't the case. These are USDA Foods purchased using entitlement dollars and the Brokers/Manufacturers shouldn't be offering these USDA Foods to schools unless they've received permission for the FDP.

Remember, Processor-to-Processor transfers are only approved when there was a change due to a contract award.

See next page for more information

Contracting with a Food Service Management Company

Food Service Management Companies shall use the following when crediting school districts for the value of USDA Foods (formerly known as commodities). We have tried to make your jobs a little easier. The Shipping and Billing Reports on the Market Place website are now showing the Nov. 15th file price. No more additional calculations, just provide the Shipping and Billing Report to the district! School districts shall use this information to verify they are receiving the proper credits for the value of USDA Foods received.

Below are links to the USDA November 15th file. This shall be used when providing the district with the USDA Foods purchase prices for SY 13 for crediting for the value of USDA Foods received. The Cheese pricing discounts for Rebates/Fee For Service or Net Off Invoice may be different than the USDA purchase price for the cheese. Both values shall be considered, the USDA purchase price, which you will find on the November 15th file, and the FNS Cheese Pricing for SY 13 for USDA Foods processing discounts for the value of USDA Foods.

USDA Foods File Report for SY 13: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/pcims/pricing/SY13_Nov15ListofMaterials.xls

Cheese Discount price for processing is \$1.5407, here's a link to the USDA Memo: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/pcims/pricing/SY13_Cheese-Pricing.pdf

If a portion of the commodity dollars have been allocated to the DoD Program, the value of the produce at time of purchase by DoD is to be credited to the district.

DOD Program is a huge success!

Our schools have allocated more than \$3 million to the program! AT Siravo continues to offer quality produce and locally grown when available!

Consult Your Manual

The Food Distribution Program (FDP) manual is online. Along with our Business Rules, the manual covers: Eligibility, Allocation and Ordering, Labeling, Accountability and Delivery, Transfer of Commodities, and Food Processing. To access the manual go to: <http://das.ct.gov/FedFood/Databases/FDPManual.pdf>

Food Communications Emails

Please read Food Communication emails for any changes or additional survey and commodity offerings throughout the school year.