The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) published the revised Food Buying Guide last year. We notified you of the revised Food Buying Guide via Policy Alert and provided a copy/copies to you. As stated in the Policy Alert, you must use the revised Food Buying Guide for planning/preparing your reimbursable meals beginning July 1, 2003.

If you need additional copies of the revised Food Buying Guide, please contact your Area Program Office. Do not submit an order/request directly to USDA at this time.

USDA has placed a brief tutorial on using the revised Food Buying Guide (FBG) on its website at http://schoolmeals.nal.usda.gov/FBG/buyingguide.html. Scroll to the bottom of that page and select the second presentation option, Presentation including examples. This self-paced presentation gives a brief overview of the FBG’s history and development. It also describes the FBG format and how to use each column of information.

If you have any questions, please contact your Area Program Office.