NOTICE

Date: July 22, 2010
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To: Food Distribution Program (FDP) Contractors
Subject: FNS 2008-2009 Disaster Lessons Learned and Best Practices Report

Purpose

PROVIDE information to contractors about best practices and what has been learned about distributing USDA Foods following a disaster such as a flood, earthquake, hurricane or other disaster.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) coordinates with state, local and voluntary organizations to:

- Provide food for shelters and other mass feeding sites;
- Distribute food packages directly to households in need in limited situations; and
- Issue emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

To help with these tasks and continue improvement in providing food to people in need after a disaster, the Office of Emergency Management and Food Safety compiled the FNS 2008-2009 Disaster Lessons Learned and Best Practices Report.

To view the report, visit the FNS Disaster Assistance website at http://www.fns.usda.gov/disasters/disaster.htm.

Contact

If you have any questions please contact your Commodity Distribution Specialist.