

USDA Foods Updates

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Ordering Updates

SY-24 DoD Updates

- TDA has been communicating with schools that have utilized all current DoD funds to inquire if additional funds are needed.
- Criteria
 - Available unspent funds in WBSCM or TX-UNPS.
 - For TX-UNPS may involve moving funds from processing reserved.
 - Spend down plan for remainder of program year. (April, May, June)
- These are funds being redistributed from accounts with no usage and no identified plan to draw down before end of the program year.

SY-24 SFSP Updates

- **These updates do not apply to SSO**

- SFSP will operate through DoD FFAVORS system summer of 2024.
 - A separate distribution of entitlement will be loaded into FFAVORS, this is not comingled with NSLP DoD Funds.
 - SFSP DoD Funds must be spent during the summer.
 - Underutilized or unspent funds are subjected to redistribution before the end of summer.
- TDA will reach out to schools to facilitate access and district setup in the FFAVORS system.
 - ESCs and DLA representatives will be included in communication.

SY-25 Round 1 Updates

- All ordering is now complete. RAs can validate with a Requisition Status Report and checking status is “Approved by SDA”.
- April – July 2024
 - The ordering team will be communicating requests that have been cancelled due to offsetting current inventory. This involves both direct delivery in contracted warehouses and excessive inventory in state account with processors.
 - Changes will continue to occur with requests up until the end of July. TDA will communicate with RAs impacted by cancellations or redistribution of inventory.
 - RAs will receive an email with details and further instruction if necessary.
 - ESCs will be attached to communications going to schools in your region.
- Current Reasons for Cancellations
 - RA requested a material that does not go to the approved Ship-To location.
 - RA was targeted by the usage analysis exercise.
 - TDA is offsetting the requests with current available inventory.

SY-25 Round 2 Updates

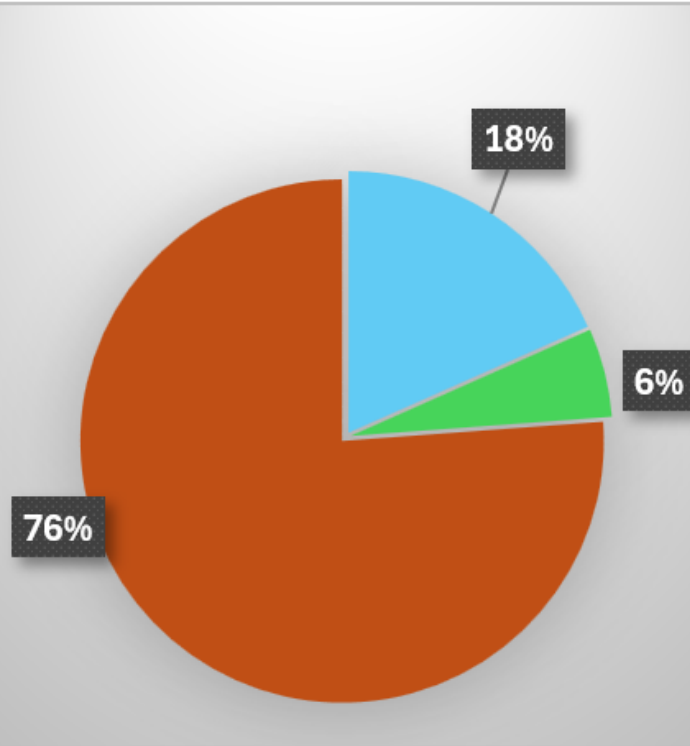
- “What’s Next?” Webinar hosted by TDA on April 29th. This will walk ESCs and Schools through validation of ordering through Requisition Status Report.
- This will cover the redistribution of inventory and communication methods.
- Ordering Strategy for Round 2 starting in May. A more limited catalog of direct delivery options.

SY 25 DoD Updates

- TDA will begin to load FFAVORS with PY 25 balances in May
- TDA will reach out to participants that are new to facilitate access and district setup.
- TDA will update new site locations to districts based off information given during the DoD Opt-In process.
- Fund will be available to spend in July.
- As a reminder schools will utilize WBSCM Entitlement Summary Report to review DoD Allocations and match to balances loaded in FFAVORS.

Round 1 Summary

NSLP PY 2025

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Original Balance		Entitlement Spent		Entitlement Remaining
\$214,020,460.37		\$196,808,491.80		\$17,211,968.57
		% Spent		
		91.96%		
Contracted Warehouses	Total Cases	Value	Percentage of Total Spent	
Direct Delivery			18.35%	
El Pasoans Fighting Hunger	21,242.00	\$1,002,322.39		
Gold Star Foods	550,713.00	\$28,827,668.50		
SAN ANTONIO FOOD BANK	70,028.00	\$3,909,299.20		
US FOODS SERVICE	49,511.00	\$2,383,950.43		
	691,494.00	\$36,123,240.52		
Direct Ship Schools			5.48%	
Direct Delivery	254,000.00	\$10,777,127.45		
	Total LBS			
Processing	110,818,182.50	\$149,908,123.80	76.17%	
Note this does not include DoD Allocation				

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Transfers

- Transfer period ends April 30th
- 1420 submitted
- RAs must check their tracking system balances before submitting a transfer request
- Only RA personnel can request transfers

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Reducing Inventory

- RAs need to order their allocated inventory before inventory counts.
- Start with Looking at Long Term Storage first, then short –term
- Surplus is also available in State Contracted Warehouses, if needed
- Emails were sent to specific ESC's and schools that have not removed any commodities from long term and short-term storage
 - Schools who do not remove any of their allocated items by April 30th they will be responsible for fees.
 - During Administrative Review it will also be reported as finding of 6 months or more on hand of USDA commodities. All programs (Direct Delivery, DoD and Processing) will be reviewed.

Schools should have all Inventory ordered by April 30th

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Annual Physical Inventory Dates

- San Antonio Food Bank- May 20th – May 24th
- El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank – May 20th – May 24th
- US Foods – May 20th – May 24th
- Gold Star Foods- June 3rd – June 7th
- Central Texas Food Bank-June 10th-14th
- Forte Frozen- June 10th-14th