

USDA Foods Updates

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Ordering Updates

PY25 DoD Fresh

- **Funds Reallocation:** Accounts with zero usage in April and May will be swept May 30, 2025, and funds will be reallocated.
 - Schools that submitted usage plans will not be swept.
- **Requesting Additional Funds:** Schools needing extra funds should submit requests through the DoD Additional Funds Request Form via Squaremeals.
- **Final Order Date:** The last day to place orders for the program year is June 18, 2025.

PY25 DoD Fresh Receipting

Reminder: All deliveries must be receipted within two business days per USDA guidelines.

- Carefully review all losses, shortages, and replacements before finalizing the BOL.
- Double-check entries for consistency with actual adjustments.
- Utilize drop-down options in FFAVORS to select the most accurate reason codes and amounts for adjustments.
- Confirm the final BOL given to the driver reflects all changes correctly

PY25 SFSP

- Reminder that SFSP participants utilizing USDA Foods will be spending their entitlement in FFAVORS for fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Applications that are approved by TDA will receive a communication from the USDA Foods team over next steps.
- Must have active district set up in FFAVORS to participate.
- Fund will become available based on your approved contract start date.

PY 26 - Round 2 Deadlines

Friday, May 30: Round 2 catalogs will close for **Direct Delivery**.

- The WBSCM catalog will display only October and January delivery periods, aiming to consolidate demand and enable full truckload shipments.
- Log into WBSCM to view your Entitlement/Bonus Summary report and remaining balance.
- Compare requests from Round 1 with plans for Round 2 to avoid excess inventory and storage challenges.

Round 2 Resources

Please utilize squaremeals Food Distribution Program for Child Nutrition Programs resources.

- The **Next Steps** webinar is available under the **Latest News** section.
- Materials and product details are offered under **SY26 NSLP Round 2 FAL**.
- **NSLP Direct Delivery Recap** presentations provide ordering trends for your contracted warehouse.

TDA Next Steps for PY26

Review of Final Balances in Processor Accounts

- Analyze remaining balances in processor accounts.
- Compare the difference between requests in Round 1 and actual orders.
- Cancel additional truckloads if the state account balance was higher than anticipated in Round 1.
- Communicate final allocations to processors to load by the end of July

TDA Next Steps for PY26

August 2025 – USDA NSLP Kick-Off Webinar

The USDA Foods team will discuss action items and anticipated deadlines, including:

- Inventory Usage Expectations
- PY27 DoD Opt-In
- PY27 USDA Foods Annual Feedback Survey
- Entitlement Distributions
- Usage Analysis

TDA Next Steps for PY26

September 2025 – USDA Foods FDP Webinars

- The USDA Foods ordering team will meet with schools served by each contracted warehouse to discuss in more detail the differences between requested and ordered items for that warehouse.
- The purpose will be to help schools understand what materials are popular in their warehouse and how demand drives materials brought in.

Inventory Updates

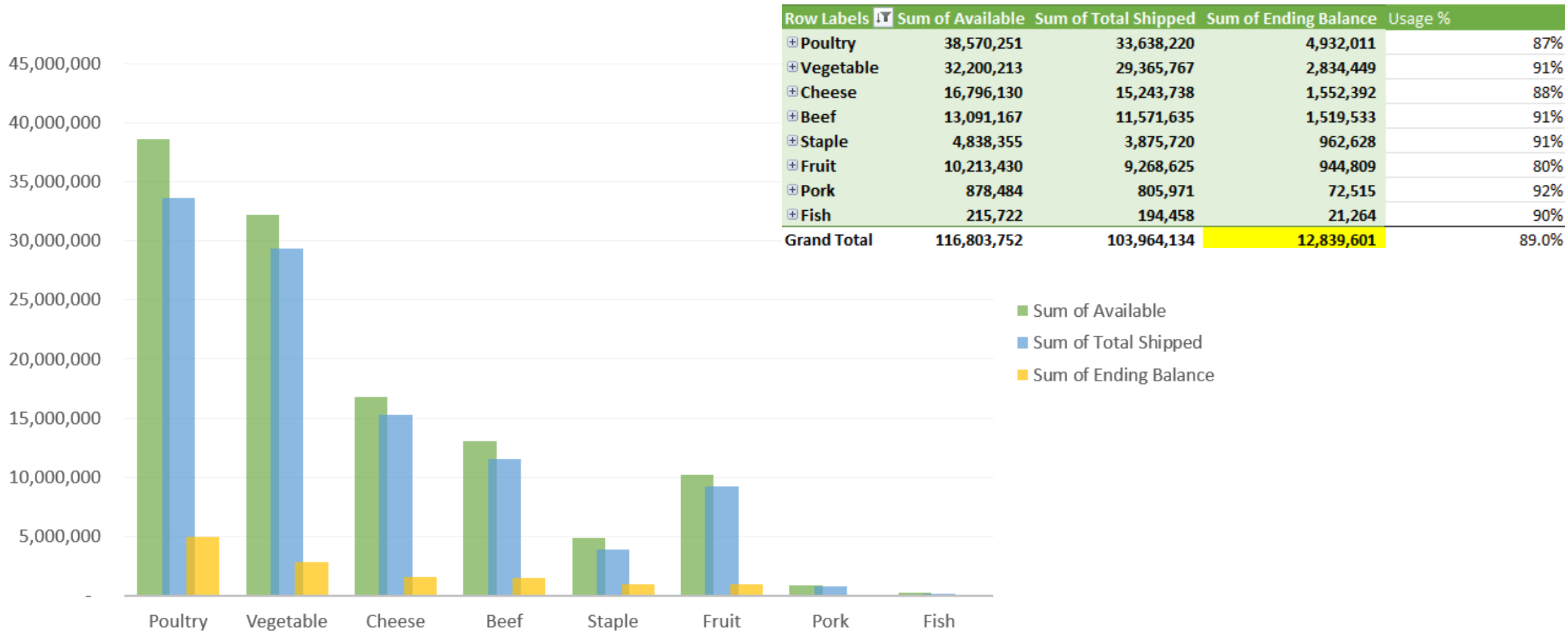
SY 25 Inventory Updates

- Annual Physical Inventory Counts are in progress through June.
 - Completed - US Foods
 - Completed - El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank
 - June 10-11 - San Antonio Food Bank
 - June 12-13 - Gold Star Foods
- Gold Star Foods is moving to Fort Worth, TX
 - The remaining inventory will be transferred after the inventory count.
- Ensure all your delivery and private storage invoices are up to date. Should you have any questions, contact your State-Contracted Warehouse.

Inventory Updates

Processing

- All PY24-25 orders should be received at your backdoor by June 30, 2025.
- Remaining inventory on July 1, 2025, will be swept to the state account to assist with PY25-26 requisitions.
- Requisitions can be monitored through the WBSCM Requisition Status Report (RSR).
- Utilize tracking systems for processing inventory ending balances and entitlement usage.
 - Processors will close out PY24-25 from July 1 - 15
 - Final allocations for PY25-26 should be posted in August
 - Processors will send customers notifications when PY 25-26 balances are reconciled in they systems.



SY 26 Inventory Updates

- Review your SY26 Requisitions and ensure that you are planning accordingly.
- Once your State-Contracted Warehouse receives your inventory, plan to place it on a delivery order within 45 days to avoid any private storage fees.
- If you have any new delivery locations and/or new contacts, please complete the Delivery Location Form located on Squaremeals.

Thank you!