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## March 2025 Monthly Newsletter

### Recent FMNP & S/FMNP Handbook Updates

Edits were made to Section 6000 in both handbooks to clarify that sites must maintain written complaint procedures and to add Item 6410, Civil Rights Complaints, describing the process for filing a complaint.

Handbooks can be found here:

- [FMNP](#)
- [SFMNP](#)

### TEFAP Update: New Training Courses Available!

Are you a staff member or volunteer at an emergency feeding organization, such as a food bank, soup kitchen, or housing authority?

We have new [training courses](#) designed just for you!

#### **Course: How to Process TEFAP Benefit Applications**

- Processing a Benefit Application for TEFAP Assistance – Best Practices (Training Video)
- Helping Neighbors Apply for TEFAP Assistance – Best Practices (One-Pager)

#### **Course: How to Properly Transport, Handle, and Use USDA Foods**

- Transporting, Handling, and Using USDA Foods – Best Practices (One-Pager)

Stay informed and ensure best practices in serving your community. Don't miss out—check out these new resources today!

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## [TEFAP Update: New Training Webinars Coming Soon!](#)

Are you a new or advanced user who administers or operates the TEFAP program? Or are you a staff member or volunteer at an emergency feeding organization, such as a food bank, soup kitchen, or housing authority? Mark your calendars!

As part of the TEFAP Reach & Resiliency Grant Training Initiative, Round 2, we are excited to announce instructor-led webinars open to all TDA Contract Entities and Eligible Recipient Agencies. Webinars are coming in March 2025. Details and invitations will be sent out soon by your TDA Food & Nutrition Training Team. Stay tuned! Do you have questions or want to receive an invitation? Email us at [FND.Training@TexasAgriculture.gov](mailto:FND.Training@TexasAgriculture.gov).

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## [TANS Update](#)

The Texas Automated Nutrition System (TANS) will replace TX-UNPS for administration and management of all nutrition programs. Timelines, resources, and updates are available now on the [Systems Hub](#).

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## [FDP: USDA Foods Ordering Updates](#)

### **CSFP:**

- Ready to Eat (RTE) Cereals and Orange Juice – Are not currently available for States to order from July 2025 through December 2025. TDA is constantly monitoring availability in WBSCM. If RTE cereals do become available for the remainder of CY 2025, then they will be full truckload quantities sent to each food bank destination. Please be prepared to accommodate the increased quantities of these RTE Cereals:
  - o 110373 Cereal Wheat Shredded = 2,016 cases
  - o 111732 Cereal Wheat Bran Flakes = 1,344 cases
  - o 111740 Cereal Corn Flakes = 1,248 cases
  - o 111741 Cereal Oat Circles = 1,248 cases

### **TEFAP:**

- Manuel Flores, Food Ordering Specialist, retired at the end of February. The Ordering Team is short-handed until a replacement is hired. To assist our team, please submit Entitlement orders into WBSCM as soon as possible for delivery periods July 2025 through September 2025 and Seasonal Fruits & Vegetables October 2025 through September 2026, so

orders can be reviewed and rolled up to USDA. The catalogs will remain open through COB, March 12, 2025.

o Seasonal Fruits & Vegetables – WBSCM Catalogs display for CY 2025 and CY 2026. However, the estimated Entitlement for CY 2026 will be loaded into WBSCM in late-February 2025 to early-March 2025.

- Ready to Eat (RTE) Cereals - Are not currently available for States to order from July 2025 through December 2025. TDA is constantly monitoring availability in WBSCM. If RTE Cereals do become available for the remainder of CY 2025, the entire Southwest Region (SWR) is only allowed 9 truckloads per month. Food banks may place orders for their desired truckload quantities for available delivery periods. However, truckload approval is at the discretion of the USDA FNS SWR Office.

Please be prepared for possible for delivery period changes and/or cancellations of these RTE Cereals:

- o 111703 Cereal Toast Wheat = 2,160 cases
- o 111732 Cereal Wheat Bran Flakes = 1,344 cases
- o 111740 Cereal Corn Flakes = 1,248 cases
- o 111741 Cereal Oat Circles = 1,248 cases

- WBSCM Entitlement/Bonus Summary Report – Generate periodically to update your records, track and commit any available “Ent. Balance” towards desired available Materials on open catalogs. Search parameters are by Program Year (PY).

#### **CSFP and TEFAP:**

- WBSCM Requisition Status Report - Generate periodically to update the “Status Text” records of ordered Materials and Quantities of each “Sales Order #”. Search parameters are:

- o “01/01/2024” through “12/31/2024” for PY 2024.
- o “01/01/2025” through “12/31/2025” for PY 2025.



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