



# **The Emergency Food Assistance Program and ACDA**

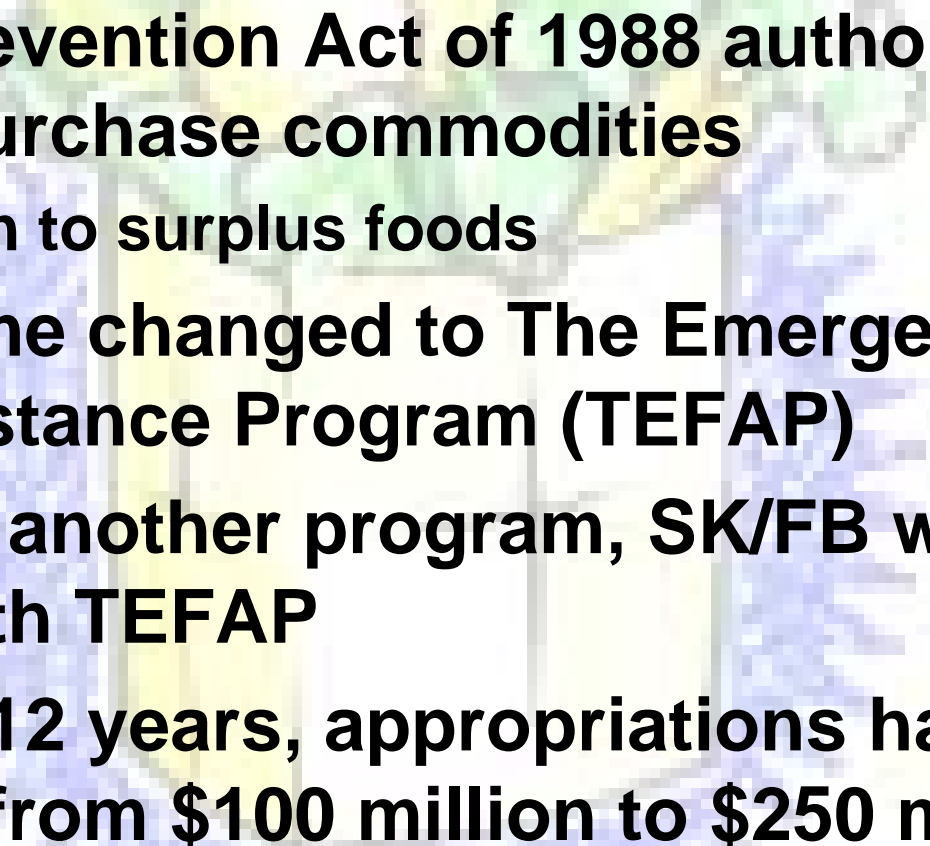
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# Brief History



- **Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program**
- **Began in 1981 – Distribute surplus foods**
- **Program designed to**
  - **Help reduce Federal inventories of surplus food**
  - **Reduce storage costs**
  - **Assist the needy**
    - **Cheese Distribution**
- **Stocks of surplus foods depleted by 1988**

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- **Hunger Prevention Act of 1988 authorized funds to purchase commodities**
    - In addition to surplus foods
  - **1990 – Name changed to The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)**
  - **Eventually another program, SK/FB was merged with TEFAP**
  - **In the last 12 years, appropriations have increased from \$100 million to \$250 million**

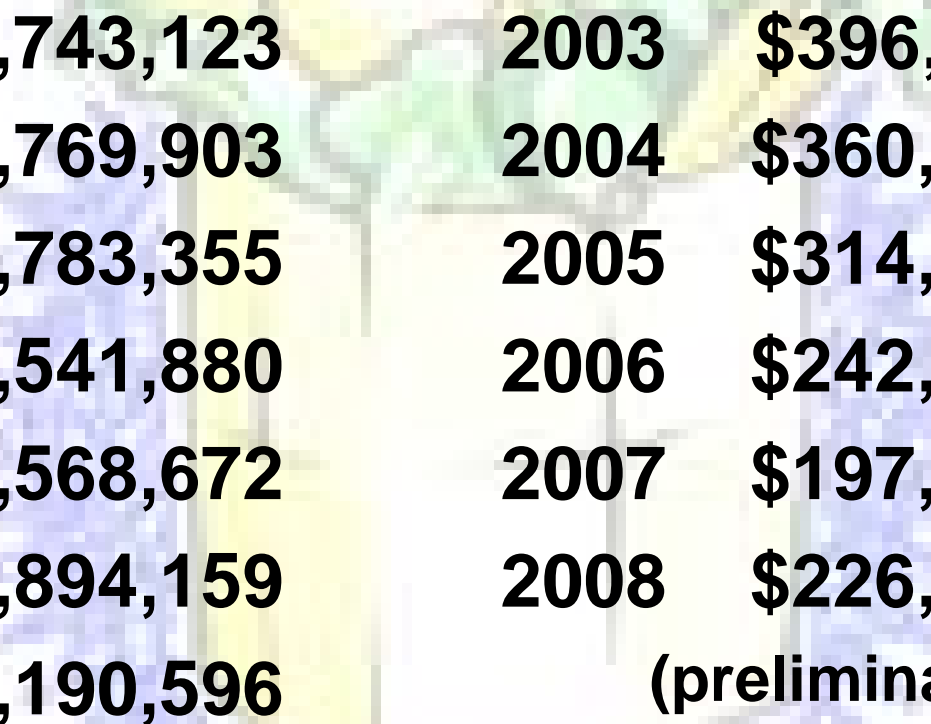
# Administering TEFAP in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



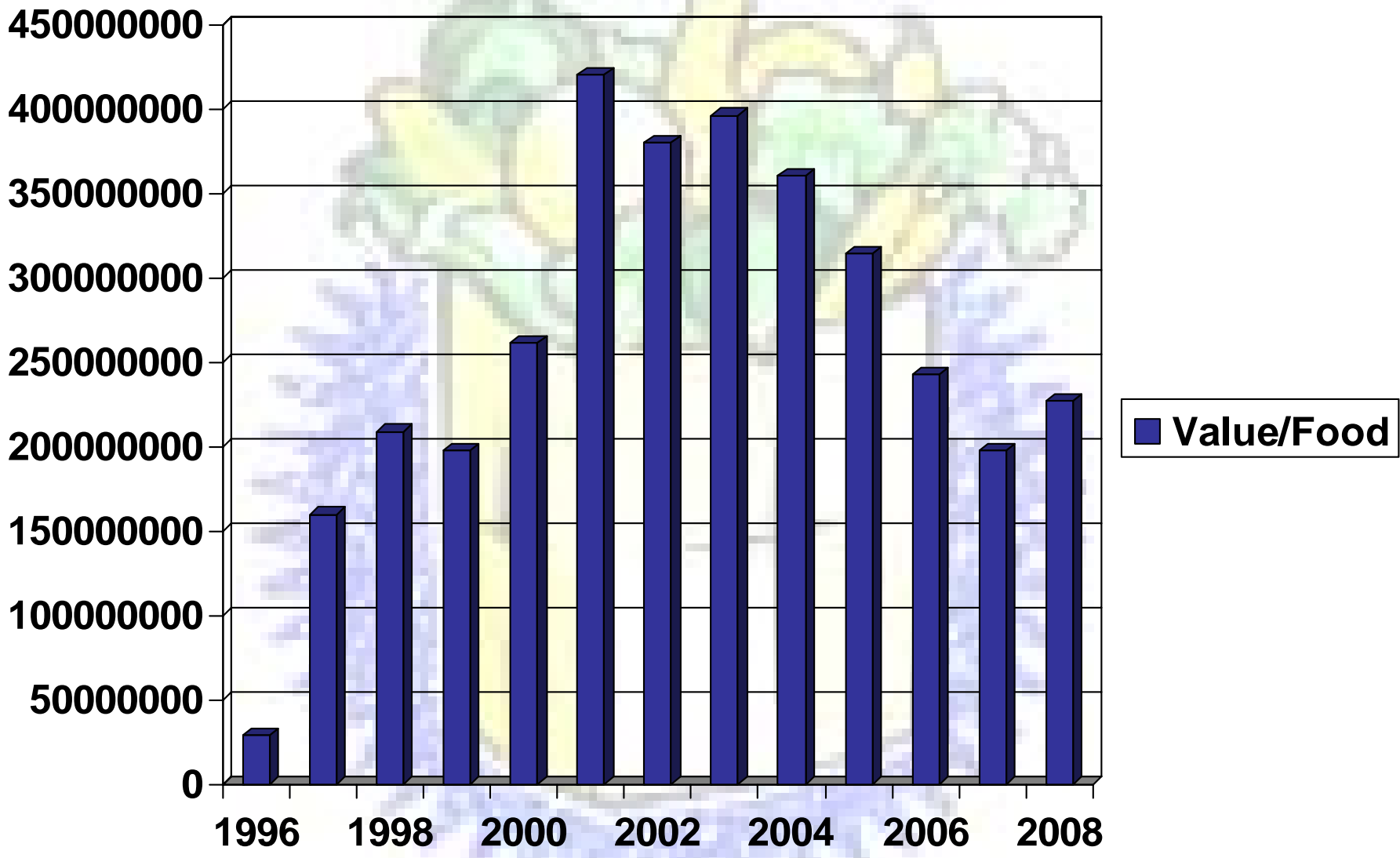
- **Many ways of distributing USDA food to the needy.**
- **States may have agreements with**
  - **Food banks**
  - **Community Action Agencies**
  - **Food pantries**
  - **Soup kitchens**
- **And yet others**
  - **Competitive procurement**
    - **Food banks**

# USDA - Cost Summary - TEFAP

## Food Thru The Years



<b>1996</b>	<b>\$ 28,743,123</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>\$396,040,392</b>
<b>1997</b>	<b>\$159,769,903</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>\$360,598,989</b>
<b>1998</b>	<b>\$208,783,355</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>\$314,101,297</b>
<b>1999</b>	<b>\$197,541,880</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>\$242,728,122</b>
<b>2000</b>	<b>\$261,568,672</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>\$197,501,788</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>\$419,894,159</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>\$226,879,537</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>\$380,190,596</b>		<b>(preliminary as of 4/09)</b>



# Why ACDA – Benefits of ANC For

- **State Agencies**
  - Obtain first hand information of what USDA is doing
  - Get to know USDA TEFAP staff at national level
  - Opportunity to hear and discuss proposed changes in rules, regulations
  - Forum for providing input on rules/regs that need changing
  - Meet your counterparts from other states
  - Learn how other states “do it”
  - Hear what RAs have to say

# Benefits for

- **TEFAP Recipient Agencies**
  - Meet and network with USDA
  - Learn what USDA is doing/planning to do
  - Obtain information/discuss proposed changes to rules, regulations; provide input
  - Get advance notice of potential food offers
  - Learn how it's done in other states
  - Meet your counterparts from similar agencies
  - Share concerns, experiences, etc.
  - Exchange ideas; explore solutions
  - Hear what states have to say

# To Get the Most Out of ANC

- **Attend as many sessions as possible**
- **Talk to USDA staff, other agencies and organizations**
- **Seek people with more knowledge and experience**
- **Ask questions, seek explanations and clarifications**
- **Provide comments; a new perspective**

# Bottom Line

- **Get involved in ACDA – It's a good investment**
- **The more you get into it, the more you will get out of it.**

