



United States
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Agriculture

Food and
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Service

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Dear State Agency Director:

Alexandria, VA
22302-1500

I strongly encourage you to attend the upcoming American Commodity Distribution Association National Conference held April 29 - May 3, 2011, in New Orleans, Louisiana. This conference is the primary forum for discussing issues of national significance involving the Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Distribution Programs. Attendees will acquire knowledge and skills from interaction with other State and local agencies, USDA staff, industry, and other members that will help them do their jobs more effectively.

USDA will be addressing a wide range of important initiatives during the conference. These include food safety and food defense, procurement requirements, processing issues involving USDA Foods, inventory management, TEFAP "hot topics" and initiatives, and changes being proposed to the national nutrition standards for schools. USDA staff will be available to provide technical assistance and answer questions about the new Web Based Supply Chain Management system currently being implemented. USDA staff will also lead "TEFAP 101" and "Processing 101" and "202" training sessions.

I cannot stress enough the importance of attending this conference. It is the only national conference that addresses the wide range of program issues of direct interest to State and local distributing agencies managing USDA Food Distribution Programs. I hope that you will give serious consideration to attending. I am sure you will find the conference sessions, peer interaction, and resultant dialogue invaluable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathie McCullough".

Cathie McCullough
Director
Food Distribution Division