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Successful distribution of USDA Foods is a coordinated effort







1. Do you offer all USDA Foods options (direct delivery, processing, and USDA DoD Fresh)? If not, which option(s) are not offered and why?

2. How do you get input from the schools on which USDA Foods to offer (i.e. advisory council, survey, other)?

3. Do you offer the full USDA Foods Available List to the schools? If not how many USDA Foods do you offer?



4. What options does your state offer to schools to receive USDA Foods Deliveries (i.e. State warehouse, State contracted distributor, direct delivery to SFAs, school contracted distributor, other)?

5. How many processors are approved in your state? Do you limit the number of end products offered? If so, how do you decide which end products to offer?

6. Does your state roll WBSCM down to schools, use a state system, or use a commercial system?

7. Do you place orders for USDA Foods throughout the year?



8. In November after reconciliation to actual lunches is completed by FNS, what action do you take, if any?

9. What is the last month that your state schedules deliveries of USDA Foods?

10. Do you reallocate USDA Foods if not being utilized?

11. How long can a USDA Food allocated to a school remain in storage? Who pays the storage fee?





12. How do you communicate the availability of USDA Foods to schools?

13. Have lunches increased or decreased this year?

14. What is your biggest challenge managing USDA Foods?





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