



Food and
Nutrition
Service

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Place
Alexandria
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DATE: January 6, 2022

SUBJECT: American Commodity Distribution Association (ACDA) Annual Conference

TO: All State Agencies
All Regional Offices

Dear State Agency Director:

I encourage you and your staff working on the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition's (FNS) Food Distribution Programs to participate, if conditions permit, in the upcoming American Commodity Distribution Association (ACDA) Annual Conference scheduled for April 24-27, 2022 in Orlando, FL. This conference provides a national forum to discuss important issues involving USDA Foods, including USDA Foods in Schools, The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). Participants will gain knowledge and skills to help them do their jobs more effectively through educational sessions and interaction with other State and local agencies, USDA staff, industry representatives, and other partners.

At this time, FNS is scheduled to present sessions on a variety of key topics, including processing program management, inventory management, the USDA DoD Fresh program, and the new product information database for USDA Foods in Schools. Program, regulatory, and legislative updates for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), TEFAP, and CSFP will also be provided, in addition to other valuable sessions presented by State and local agencies. FNS's in-person participation will depend on the USDA's guidance on the allowability of federal travel in effect on April 24-27, 2022.

The conference will address a wide range of program issues that directly affect State and local agencies administering FNS food assistance programs. Travel to the training is an allowable use of State Administrative Expense funds.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your FNS regional office.

Sincerely,

Laura Castro
Director
Food Distribution Division