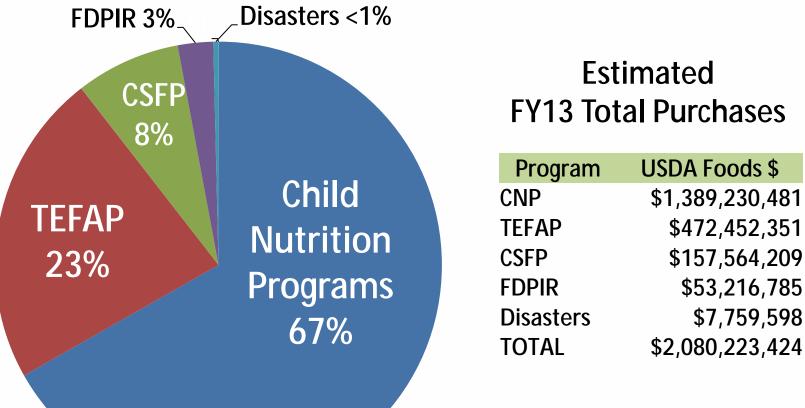
USDA Foods: Update

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USDA Foods: Year in Review Hot Topics

- Domestic F&V shortages
- Whole grains
- Processor Inventories TOO HIGH
- State Administrative expenses TOO HIGH!





- **Operations Update:**
- SY14 Entitlement 99.9% ordered...
- SY15 Catalog opened February
- Orders due beginning May 1 for July-September delivery





Year in review: Challenge Increasing Fruits & Vegetables:

- Securing Domestic Fruit
- Securing orange vegetables
- DoD Fresh Fruits & Vegetables
- AMS Farm Bill Pilot





Year in review: Challenge

- How can industry help?
- Domestic fruit & leafy green & orange vegetable
- Shelf stable
- Kids like
- Does not require much water to grow
 or much labor to harvest or process
- That can be delivered in July 2014





New Products – SY 2014

- Bulk Pinto Bean- added
- Shelf Stable Applesauce Cups added
- Frozen Broccoli Florets added
- Chopped Frozen Spinach added
- IQF Mushrooms added

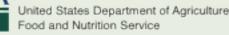




USDA Food – SY 15

- Reduced Sodium Ham adding
- String Cheese adding
- Dried Cranberries adding
- White Whole Wheat Flour Blend test buy
- High protein yogurt test buy
- Unseasoned Chicken Strips test buy
- Penne Pasta Whole Wheat blend- research
- Orange Vegetables researching





Year in Review: High Processor Inventories

- Nationally monitor to ensure adequate bond coverage NOT ENOUGH
- More State by State monitoring AND processor monitoring
- Options:
 - Cutting State orders where there are excesses
 - Transfering to other school districts or other States





USDA Foods: Year in Review SAE Policy Update – Good News

- Joint FDD & CND Policy Memorandum FD-131/SP 57-2013: Q&A Regarding the Use of State Administrative Expense (SAE) Funds and SAE Reallocation Funds in the Food Distribution Program for Child Nutrition Programs
- Resource management guidance how to leverage funds to pay State Administrative Cost and distribution and delivery





Engaging our partners

- Stakeholder Meeting
- USDA Foods Action Plan
- State Action Plans
- Child Nutrition Programs 2015 Reauth



USDA Foods: Action Plan

Operational Changes to Maximize Entitlement USE & equitable access across all districts

- Improve states'/schools' abilities to spend AND USE 100 percent of entitlement in the year it is earned
- Identify best practices in small district utilization
 & Food Service Management Company utilization
- Reduce time between ordering and delivery
- Allow bulk orders for LTL truck quantities
- Order & buy mixed loads of product for small states





USDA Foods: Action Plan

Training

- State agency training initiative
- Enable all states and districts to have access to the same tools and information
- Encourage states to share best practices and to implement them!





USDA Foods Training Opportunities

- NFSMI USDA Foods Training
- ACDA ANC Sessions
- SNA ANC
- Coming in 2014: USDA Foods Webinars





USDA Foods & CN Training SNA State Agency Meeting - Dec Procurement Oversight Session Procuring FSMC services Procuring commercial foods Procuring Processing services at the SFA level

Administrative Review Process:





Food Service Management Rule

New requirements applying to Food Service Management Companies to ensure:

- The value of USDA Foods was passed through to the school district they were operating
- Following procurement rules for purchasing product for the district.





USDA Foods: Action Plan BPR WBSCM Web supply chain management system





USDA Foods: Action Plan

Communications

- Understanding of mission and operations of USDA Foods program – webinars, quarterly calls
- Provide a mechanism for more direct feedback between FNS and all stakeholders.
- PLEASE PROVIDE CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM
- IT IS IMPORTANT FOR USDA FOODS TO BE A GREAT AND SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM...





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