

# USDA/FNS/Food Distribution

## Project No. 5 (Completed)

**Project No. 5:** Internet Ordering - Commodity Cheese On-line  
**State Partner:** Illinois and Florida  
**Industry Partner:** Land O' Lakes (LOL)

**Reference:** For more information regarding USDA's implementation of the new Internet-Based Electronic Commodity Ordering System (ECOS), click on the following Food Distribution Web Site link at:  
<https://www.usdaservices.eds-gov.com/>

**Scope:** This project included processed cheese products for the entire state of Illinois and two school districts in the state of Florida.

**Concept Tested:** Internet Based ordering system

**Project Description:** The State provides processor with their school districts' commodity allocation (in pounds) for the school year. States submit delivery orders to USDA for the whole school year. Schools order processed products from processor to the district's distributor, district warehouse or State warehouse using an Internet system to track orders and the balance of pounds allocated. Processor has a 30-day lead-time for ordering and delivering product.

**Status:** The project was completed June 2001 and Internet communication systems may be implemented per the agreement between the processor and recipient agencies.

USDA has rolled out an Internet based ordering system nationally. This system will be available to all States as of July 2003 and States may add schools as appropriate next year.

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