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Entitlement Increases, Update on Turkey Program Situation, and Additional Surveys Currently Available

This is to notify you of upcoming entitlement “increases”, the turkey program situation, and additional surveys currently available.

Upcoming Entitlement Increases: After experiencing a shortfall in meeting the minimum 12% support level in SY 05/06, we are carefully monitoring the SY 06/07 situation. In anticipation of low bonus purchases, we are currently projecting another shortfall in SY 06/07 which will require additional purchases to meet the minimum. To prepare for this likelihood, we are again increasing the system’s per-meal-rate to distribute funds and “increase” the entitlements. The published rate for SY 06/07 remains at 16.75 cents. However, entitlements will be updated soon in the system to reflect a rate of about 20 cents per meal.

Turkey Program: Due to market conditions, the turkey roast, whole, and deli program was suspended. States may delete the open July-November delivery orders or simply change the priority numbers for later deliveries January-April. Please let us know via email if you want remaining orders deleted or later deliveries. This information is needed as soon as possible.

New and Opened Surveys: On a brighter note, States have the option to order the items listed on the Word [attachment](#) for the remaining school year. Please refer to your ECOS Survey Report for more detailed active survey information.

New products planned for test purchase: We are finalizing specifications and fact sheets on the following new items so that they can soon be offered for test purchase:

Pork: Ham Sliced and Diced
Chicken: Ground Chicken Crumbles and Patties
Turkey: Bulk Ground Turkey
Whole Grain: Whole Wheat Pasta
Fruit/Vegetables: Grape Juice Bulk

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