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FB-704 ♦ USDA Food Ordering & Customer Service (FOCUS) Team Update

Release of School Year 2008 Meat and Poultry Surveys

Meat and Poultry products round surveys are now available for submitting orders. Please use your ECOS Round Survey Report to review due dates, delivery information, and other survey information. Most meat and poultry orders are due on April 12, 2007.

Reminder: Turkey orders for the long term contract are due on March 5, 2007 

SPENDING CHALLENGE and CHANGE IN ORDERING GUIDELINES:

In the past, we have instructed States to keep orders purchased for July 1-Nov15 deliveries (the last quarter of the fiscal year) within 40% of entitlement dollars. However, with the increase in entitlement and carryover due to the 12 % provision, orders should be evenly divided throughout the school year. Please order at least 50% of the dollars available July through November 15 delivery periods.

Typically early school year purchases have been restricted by funding limitations and agricultural market issues. Given the 12% provision and the test of the long term contract for turkey products, assuming the commodities are available, we are optimistic about earlier deliveries this school year.

Reminder: Spread orders evenly in the 1st and 2nd half of each month. USDA vendors and processors have capacity issues with heavier amounts in the 1st half of the month.

SY 08 entitlements have been updated to include new estimated SY07 carryover. In addition, the projected SY08 rate and 12% support provision have resulted in an estimated .2025 cents per meal in the system to distribute funds available to all States to order.

States should strive to submit all orders for the whole school year equal to 100% or more of entitlement by June as we have issued all surveys. Other than minor test purchases we do not expect to issue any other surveys.

A [funding worksheet is attached](#) to help States match up SY 08 entitlement spending and orders by commodity group to the funds available in the plan. Please contact the appropriate commodity specialist if your needs differ so that we can assist your State in meeting its entitlements.

Let's have a good year and remember to order 100% or more!

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