

November 2012 FNS WBSCM Newsletter



Web Based Supply Chain Management



WBSCM News & Updates

WBSCM Defect Release

WBSCM Defect Release 2.2.14.0 is scheduled to be deployed November 29th, 2012. The upcoming changes will include:

- * Fixes to the catalog output for the "Download Catalog" transaction
- * Ability for the Order Status Report to be sorted by Ship-To without timing out if no record is found
- * SDA Entitlement/Bonus Detail Report will run more efficiently

Current release notes can be found in the **WBSCM news and announcement forum** section which is located under the **Home tab**. A full list of open defects is located at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/WBSCM/default.htm>

WBSCM Training Sessions

Over the past few months, FNS has been conducting WBSCM Webinars with each individual webinar focusing on a particular topic. These webinars are targeted at new SDAs or those SDAs needing additional training.

There are two more sessions left in this training series.

The sessions will be in one hour blocks from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM Eastern time.

The schedule is as follows:

Dec 11: Receiving

Dec 18: Multi-food Ordering

If you are interested in attending, please send an email to Robin Jepson robin.jepson@fns.usda.gov and Albert Lee albert.lee@fns.usda.gov with the session(s) you are interested in attending. The day before the webinar, you will receive the session webinar login in and password information.

In this Issue:

- * WBSCM News & Updates
- * WBSCM Toolbox
- * WBSCM Tips
- * Upcoming Events
- * What's Next?
- * Useful Links
- * Toolbox Spotlight
- * WBSCM Help Desk
- * Contacts

Reminder:

To ensure you receive the latest news and updates, register to receive free E-mail notifications when the WBSCM Homepage has been updated at www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/WBSCM and click the link "Email Updates" .

WBSCM Toolbox

Households Programs

(TEFAP, CSFP and FDPIR)

The Household Operations Branch has begun to open catalogs for April 2013 delivery dates and beyond. Please review the [http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/WBSCM/WBSCMfiles/WBSCM_Del_Pds_and_Due_Dates_Catalog_Download_Nov_16_12\(2\).xls](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/WBSCM/WBSCMfiles/WBSCM_Del_Pds_and_Due_Dates_Catalog_Download_Nov_16_12(2).xls) and plan to enter your orders accordingly.

Please also continue to review any previously entered orders in WBSCM to ensure that ship to ID's are still correct. All of these orders will be going on solicitation and PO relatively soon into the new FY.

Schools Programs

(NSLP, CACFP, SFSP)

Starting Mid-December through Mid- January, there will be major catalog updates for NSLP, CACFP and SFSP for SY 14 products. The updates will include order by due dates for deliveries from July 2013 through June 2014.

Current catalog information can be viewed at [http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/WBSCM/WBSCMfiles/WBSCM_Del_Pds_and_Due_Dates_Catalog_Download_Nov_16_12\(2\).xls](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/WBSCM/WBSCMfiles/WBSCM_Del_Pds_and_Due_Dates_Catalog_Download_Nov_16_12(2).xls)

WBSCM Tips

Redistributing Order Quantities for Multiple RAs

If you are distributing order quantities for more than 10 RAs, WBSCM recommends that you run this process in the background.

1. Select the checkbox beside the Process Orders in Background field (See figure 1 pg.2)
2. Click the Process Orders button.
3. While the background task is running, the SDA can navigate to another screen or log out of WBSCM.

The SDA may also submit additional redistribution background tasks for processing (for other sales orders) although the first task must complete before subsequent ones execute. An email notification will be sent to the SDA user that submitted the job notifying that the redistribution job has completed.

A full list of FAQs and tips can be found on the FDD Website at http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/WBSCM/WBSCM_General.htm

Security Hazard: Password Sharing

It is important that you keep your WBSCM password secure by not sharing it with others. This includes co-workers. Sharing your password greatly decreases the security of your account and can lead to unwarranted transactions that can affect your entire organization. If you are aware of password sharing within your organization, please encourage the discontinuation of this practice.

Ship-To Inbox:

A mailbox has been established to receive requests to have SHIP-TO locations assigned to Domestic Business Partners and to establish new Ship-To locations within WBSCM. Please email FNS-7s to: WBSCM-Ship-To@fns.usda.gov.

Upcoming Events

Webinar Trainings

- Dec 11: Receipting
- Dec 18: Multi-food Ordering

What's Next?

Future Targeted Initiatives

- * Goods Receipt (Including business processes)
- * Invoicing
- * Entitlement
- * Performance Improvements

Useful Links

- WBSCM:** <http://www.usda.gov/wbscm>
- FDD:** <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/wbscm>

Toolbox Spotlight

Repricing of Open Orders and Open Requisitions

Material prices are updated weekly in the repricing program. Listed below are possible updates you may see based on repriced materials.

- * Sales orders that were purchased during the prior week will be updated with the latest average cost per pound. I
- * Sales orders in Ready for Approval and Approved by SDA status are also updated with the latest costs.
- * Orders in all other statuses will not be updated until they have been purchased (placed on a Purchase Order) or returned to a status of Ready for Approval or Approved by SDA.
- * As a result it is possible that a requisition status report may show different values once an average cost has been replaced with the actual price awarded.

Scenario

Last Friday's Requisition Status Report showed an Order value of \$50,000.76 for a shipment.. The following Friday, the same report is showing an Order Value of \$55,000.87 for the same shipment. Why did the order value change from the previous week?

Answer: These changes can occur and are likely resulting from the Repricing Program repricing Open Orders and Open Requisitions based on average price for procured materials in the past. The new value represents the actual price awarded.

Figure 1

Note: If distributing for more than 10 RAs, recommended to run in background. Please tick the check box

Process Orders in Background 

Redistribute Order Quantities

Add a Row | **Remove a Row**

RA Sold To	RA Quantity	Impact Entitlement
8011033	100	<input type="checkbox"/>

WBSCM Service Desk

The WBSCM Service Desk contact information is as follows:

Call-in phone number is: 877-WBSCM-4U or 877-927-2648

Email inquiries:
WBSCMhelp@ams.usda.gov

Web form link on WBSCM Portal :
<https://srai.service-now.com>.

From this link users can access a form and submit it to the WBSCM Service Desk as well as monitor the status of their help ticket. This is a separate application from WBSCM and will require an additional login and password. Users will enter the WBSCM email address as the logon and a password can be created. Using this site is optional.

Hours of Operation: 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM ET

Communicate with FNS – questions, concerns, issues

Dennis Sullivan – FNS Systems Branch Chief
FNS WBSCM Project Manager

– 703-305-0188
– dennis.sullivan@fns.usda.gov

Peggy Cantfil –FNS FDD Special Nutrition Operations Branch Chief (NSLP, CACF, SFSP, NSIP)

– 703-305-2659
– peggy.cantfil@fns.usda.gov

Shirley Roberts – FNS Household Programs Operations Branch Chief (FDPIR, CSFP, TEFAP)

– 703-305-2653
– shirley.roberts@fns.usda.gov

Todd Griffith – FNS WBSCM Data Management & Interfaces Lead

– 703-305-7506
– todd.griffith@fns.usda.gov

Robin Jepson – FNS WBSCM Change Management & Process Improvement

– 703-305-7524
– robin.jepson@fns.usda.gov

Martha Shramek – FNS WBSCM Report & Information Access Lead

– 703-305-7535
– martha.shramek@fns.usda.gov

Janice Fitzgerald – FNS WBSCM Testing Coordinator

– 703-305-7537
– janice.fitzgerald@fns.usda.gov

Suggestion Box

Is there something you would like to see in the newsletter? Send your thoughts and comments to jakarra.nichols@fns.usda.gov