

CSFP 101 & Update

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Agenda

CSFP 101

2013 Resources and Caseload

2014 Budget Request & Appropriations Activity

Farm Bill

CSFP & WIC Working Together



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CSFP 101: Recipients

Women, Infants, and Children

- Pregnant women
- Postpartum women up to one year postpartum
(six months longer than WIC)
- Breastfeeding women
- Infants
- Children up to six years of age
(1 year longer than WIC)

Elderly



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CSFP 101: CSFP Food Package

Infant formula and rice cereal

Bottled juices

Nonfat dry and UHT milk

Peanut butter or dried beans

Canned meat or poultry

Canned vegetables

Canned fruit



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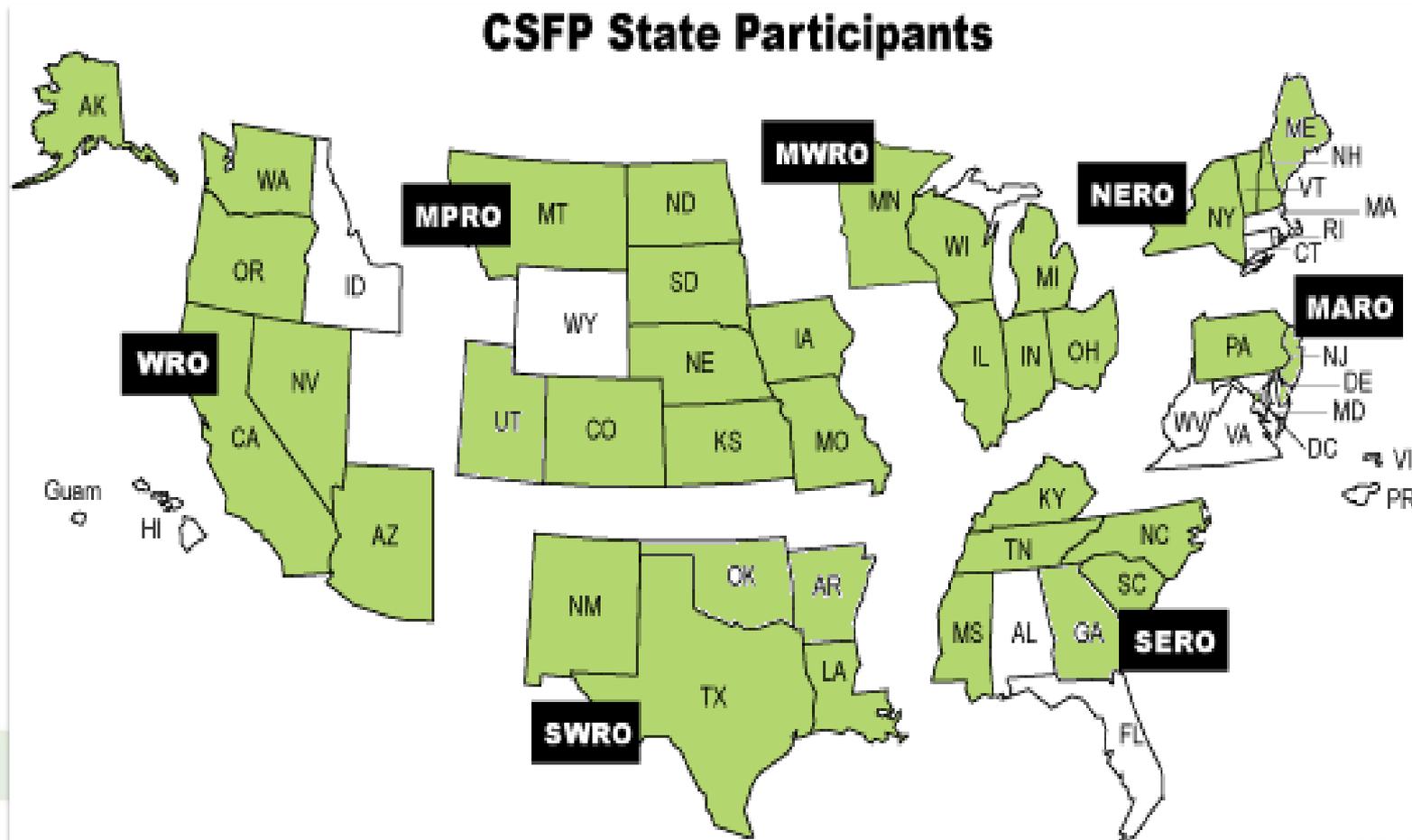
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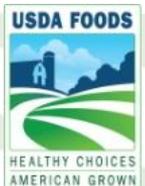


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CSFP Participants

- Low-Income Elderly (at least 60 years old)
- Infants under 1 yr.
- Children under 6 yrs.
- Pregnant Women
- Breastfeeding & Post-partum women, up to one year after the end of the pregnancy

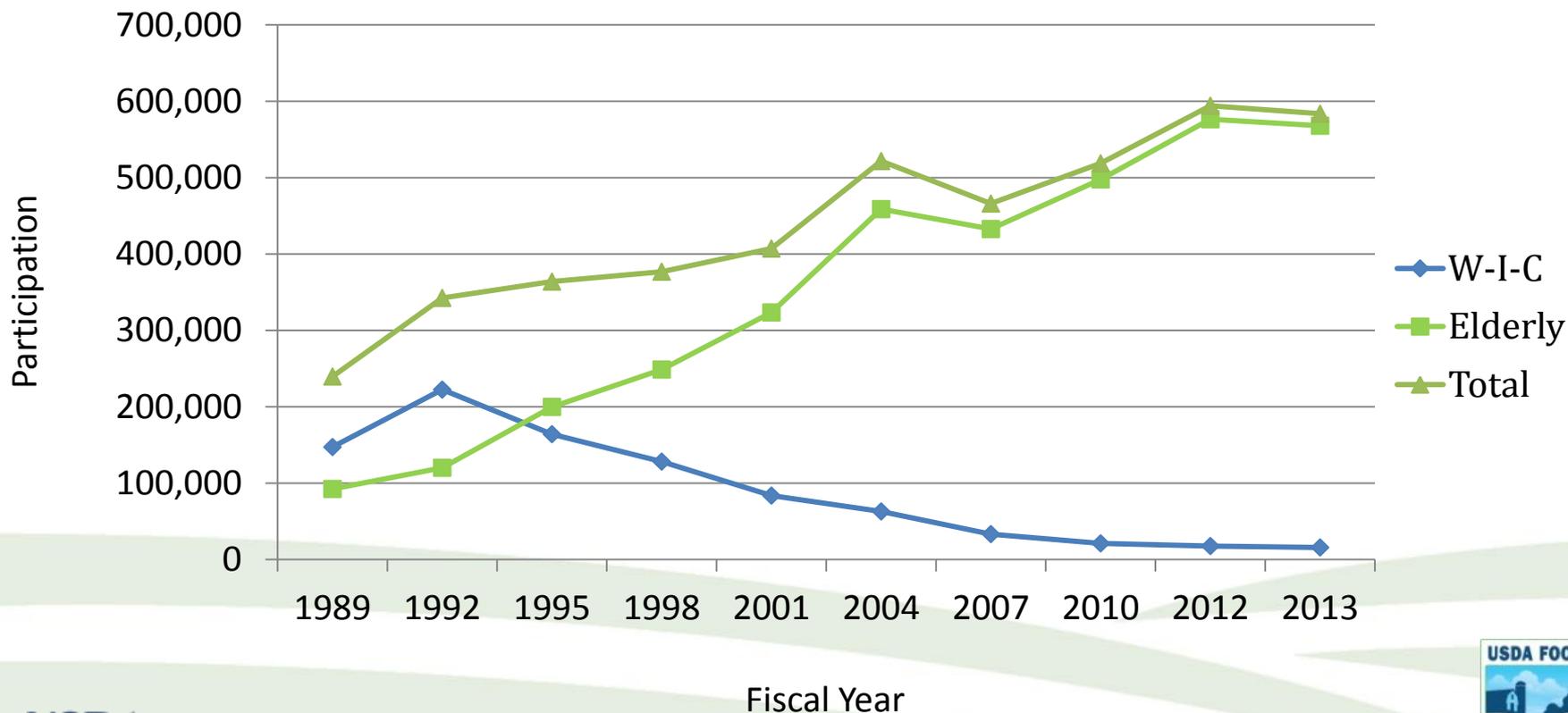


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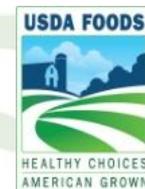


CSFP 101: Program Participation

CSFP Average Monthly Participation
Women-Infants-Children (W-I-C) & Elderly
Fiscal Year (FY) 1989 – April 2013*
(*FY 2013 Data Available through April)

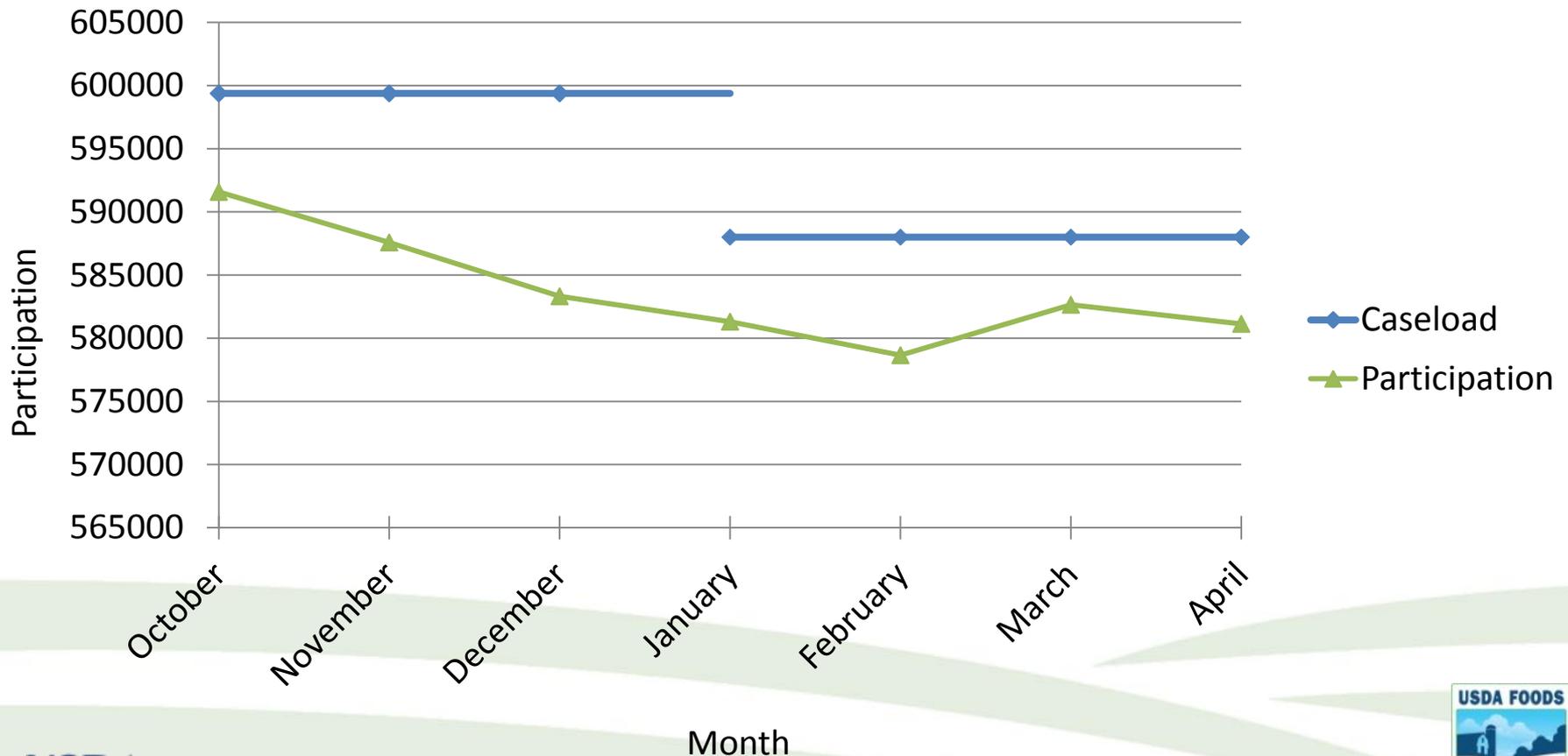


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CSFP 101: Participation vs. Caseload

Program Participation vs. Caseload
October 2012 to April 2013



Caseload – This Year & Next

- On December 21, 2012, FNS assigned *tentative* 2013 caseload and administrative grants to States, while CSFP was funded under a short-term Continuing Resolution, at a level prorated to \$186.935 million.
- FY 2013 Full-year Continuing Resolution provided CSFP with \$181.873 million, after two across-the-board rescissions.
- Given this funding reduction, the national caseload level was reduced to 588,000 on April 5, 2013.
- Resources insufficient to support 6 new States with approved State plans (CT, HI, ID, MA, MD, RI).
- FY14 Budget Request and House/Senate Committee Marks



2013 Farm Bill

Congress has not yet passed a new Farm Bill.

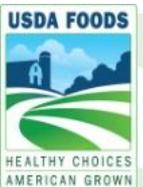
- **The Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act of 2013 (S. 954) was passed by the Senate on June 10.**
- **The Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act (FARRM; H.R. 1947) failed in the House on June 20.**

Both the proposed House and Senate bills would:

- **Reauthorize CSFP through 2018.**
- **Phase out eligibility for women, infants, and children in CSFP.**



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2013 Farm Bill

2013 Farm Bill – Round 2.

- **The Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act (FARRM; H.R. 1947) passed in the House on July 13, but without the Nutrition Title.**
 - **On July 18, the Senate passed an amendment to the House version which replaced the provisions of the newly passed House version with the Senate-passed bill.**
 - **The Senate requested a conference to resolve the differences between the two sides.**



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CSFP & WIC Working Together

About 3 percent of CSFP participants are women, infants, or children.

- **Dual Participation**
- **Referrals**
- **WIC Ineligibles**



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CSFP & WIC Working Together: Dual Participation

Individuals cannot participate in both WIC and CSFP at the same time.

- CSFP applicants must sign application statement acknowledging this. (7 CFR 247.8)
- CSFP participants committing dual participation must be discontinued from either WIC or CSFP. (7 CFR 247.19(b))
- If dual participation resulted from false or misleading statements on the CSFP application (7 CFR 247.19(b)):
 - Participant must be disqualified from CSFP unless there is a serious health risk, and
 - A claim must be pursued for the value of CSFP benefits received.

CSFP & WIC Working Together: Dual Participation

WIC and CSFP State and local agencies must work together to prevent dual participation. (7 CFR 247.19(a))

- **Consistent with joint SFPD/FDD guidance issued in 2004, post-certification detection efforts recommended.**
- **FNS further recommends that WIC State agencies take the lead role in detecting dual participation.**
- **FNS recommends that participant lists flow in one direction, from CSFP to WIC.**

CSFP & WIC Working Together: Referrals

- **CSFP regulations require local agencies to provide women, infants, and children applicants written information about WIC and other programs.**
- **In areas where both CSFP and WIC operate, State and local agencies are encouraged to refer eligible individuals to WIC.**
 - **Greater accessibility to healthcare and nutrition education in WIC.**
 - **Elderly don't have a choice between WIC and CSFP.**

CSFP & WIC Working Together: WIC Ineligibles

- **WIC ineligibles are 5 year old children, and women 6-12 months postpartum that are eligible for CSFP, but not WIC.**
- **CSFP serves them if eligible and open caseload slots are available.**



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