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**FNS Response to Oklahoma Tornadoes**  
**CLOSEOUT REPORT**

**FNS approved the following waivers to assist Oklahoma in meeting the nutrition assistance needs of FNS program participants and low-income residents impacted by the devastating tornadoes that struck the area of Moore, Oklahoma, on May 20, 2013, and by storm and tornado events that began on May 28, 2013, and ended on June 2, 2013.**

**The State received FNS approval of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):**

- To extend its approved Disaster-SNAP application period for two additional days in Cleveland, Lincoln, McClain, Oklahoma, and Pottawatomie counties. The additional application days were Thursday, June 6, and Friday, June 7, 2013. (June 5, 2013)
- To operate a D-SNAP in the five counties with a Presidential declaration of major disaster eligible for Individual Assistance: Cleveland, Lincoln, McClain, Oklahoma, and Pottawatomie. The State accepted applications in the five counties' DHS offices and two Disaster Relief Centers located in Shawnee and Monroe on Thursday, May 30, 2013, for an application period of five business days. Only households who resided in these counties on May 18<sup>th</sup> and suffered disaster related damage, material losses, loss of income, or inaccessibility of liquid resources due to the storms and tornadoes were eligible for certification using D-SNAP criteria. Households that experienced food loss as their only adverse affect were not considered eligible for D-SNAP assistance. Ongoing SNAP recipients may have completed an affidavit confirming disaster related expenses and received supplemental benefits up to the maximum allotment for the household size. (May 26, 2013)
- To extend the time SNAP recipients in 16 counties had to report loss of food purchased with May SNAP benefits and to request replacement benefits by submitting signed affidavits of loss to their local SNAP office. SNAP recipients had until June 28, 2013, to submit affidavits of loss and request replacement benefits. The counties included Caddo, Cleveland, Comanche, Creek, Garfield, Grant, Greer, Kiowa, Lincoln, Logan, McClain, Okfuskee, Oklahoma, Pawnee, Payne and Pottawatomie. (May 28, 2013)
- To extend the time SNAP recipients in 25 additional counties had to report the loss of food purchased with May or June 2013 SNAP benefits and to request replacement benefits by submitting signed affidavits of loss to their local SNAP office. SNAP recipients in 25 additional counties: Adair, Canadian, Cherokee, Coal, Craig, Delaware, Garvin, Grady, Hughes, Kingfisher, LeFlore, Mayes, McCurtain, Mcintosh, Muskogee, Nowata, Okmulgee, Osage, Ottawa, Pushmataha, Sequoyah, Stephens, Tulsa, Wagoner and Washington) had until June 28, 2013, to submit affidavits of loss and request replacement benefits. (June 11, 2013)

**The State received FNS approval of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs:**

- To extend the operation of a one-month household distribution program by an additional 30 days through August 19, 2013, to assist more than 6,000 families in the following five counties: Cleveland, Lincoln, McClain, Oklahoma, and Pottawatomie. FNS provided six additional truckloads of shelf-stable foods valued at approximately \$178,000.

**Oklahoma Department of Human Services EBT SNAP Information:**

<http://www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/snap/>

**FEMA Declared disaster counties:**

<http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4117/designated-areas>

\*If you think you may be eligible for disaster food assistance in your State, please contact your local State agency for application requirements, date and site information: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/outreach/map.htm>.

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