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Northeast Regional Office

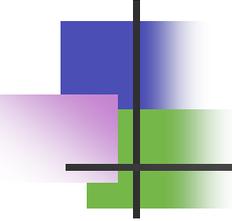
Regional Office Roles & Responsibilities

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Community Nutrition Programs

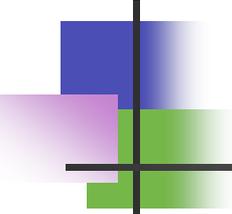
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Objectives

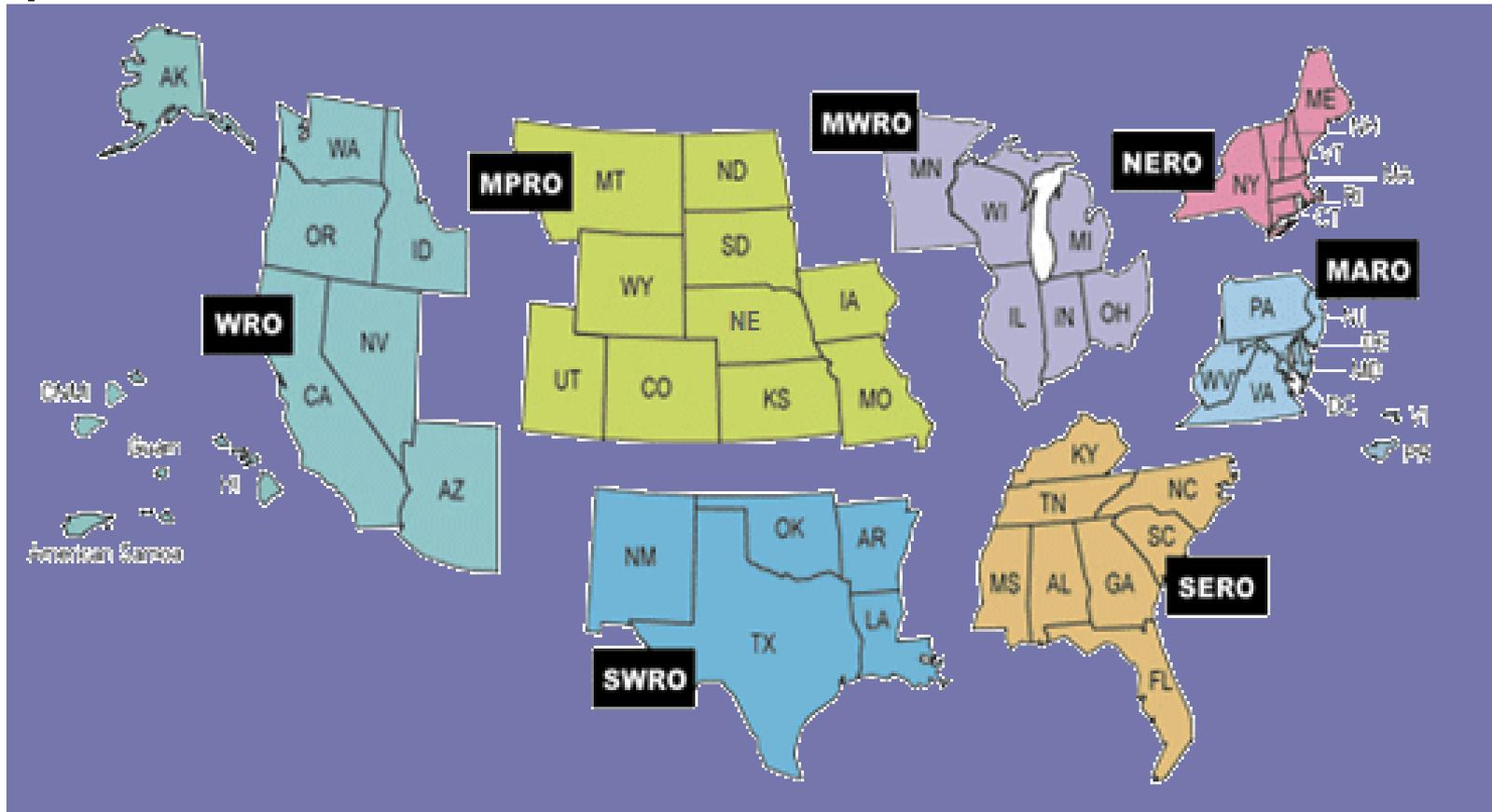
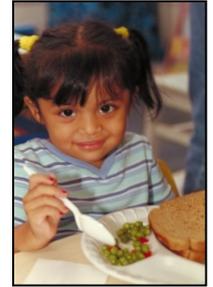
- ❖ Identify the USDA FNS Regional Offices
- ❖ Outline the programs that provide USDA Food support
- ❖ Explain the roles and responsibilities of the USDA Regional Office Food Distribution Program staff

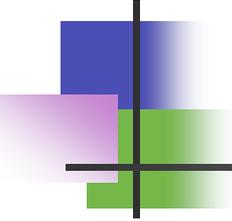


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7 Regional Offices
&
1 National Office or Headquarters

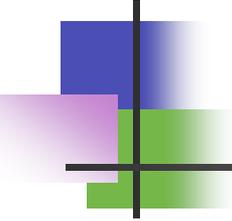
FNS Regional Offices





FNS Regional Offices

- Mountain Plains Regional Office (MWRO)
 - Denver, CO (CO,IA,KS,MO,MT,NE,ND,SD,UT,WY)
- Northeast Regional Office (NERO)
 - Boston, MA (CT,ME,MA,NH,NY,RI,VT)
- Mid-Atlantic Regional Office (MARO)
 - Robbinsville, NJ (DE,DC,MD,NJ,PA,PR,VA,VI,WV)
- Mid-West Regional Office (MWRO)
 - Chicago, IL (IL,IN,MI,MN,OH,WI)



FNS Regional Offices

- Southeast Regional Office (SERO)
 - Atlanta, GA (AL,FL,GA,KY,MS,NC,SC,TN)
- Southwest Regional Office (SWRO)
 - Dallas, TX (AK,LA,NM,OK,TX)
- Western Regional Office (WRO)
 - San Francisco, CA (AK,AZ,CA,HI,ID,NV,OR,WA,Guam,CNMI,AS)

FNS Programs That Utilize USDA Foods



- National School Lunch Program
 - Including School Breakfast Program
- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Summer Food Service Program
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

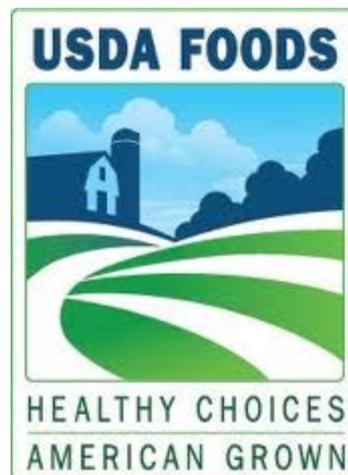
FNS Programs That Utilize USDA Foods (con't)



- The Emergency Food Assistance Program
- Nutrition Services Incentive Program
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- Processing
- Charitable Institutions
- Disaster Feeding and Situations of Distress

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Programs utilizing USDA foods are commonly referred to as **Food Distribution Programs** or **USDA Foods programs**



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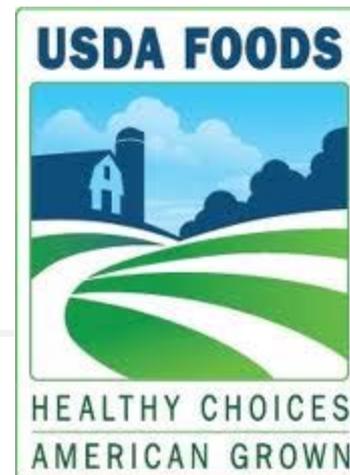


USDA Food Programs consist of:

Institutional Programs

Household Programs

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Household Programs:

TEFAP

FDPIR

CSFP

Regional Office Roles and Responsibilities



Primary Responsibilities

- **Ensure Compliance with Federal Program Requirements**
- **Program Oversight**
- **Provide Technical Assistance**

Regional Office Roles and Responsibilities



Regional Office Roles and Responsibilities



- **Oversee USDA food orders**
 - Manage food ordering for FDPIR, TEFAP and **CSFP** including questions concerning ordering, order cancellations, destination changes and delivery issues
 - Use Inventory Calculator

Regional Office Roles and Responsibilities



- Management Evaluations
 - Conduct reviews of SDA operations, ensure corrective action(s) are completed in a timely manner, and make program improvement suggestions

Regional Office Roles and Responsibilities



- State-specific Technical Assistance

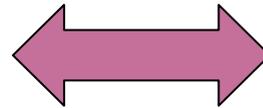


- Interpret regulations and policies for SDAs including applicable FNS Instructions
- Discuss program operations
- Suggestions for program improvements or different methods

Regional Office Roles and Responsibilities



- State-specific Technical Assistance



- ✓ State Plans and amendments
- ✓ Caseload Management

Regional Office Roles and Responsibilities



- Commodity Holds and Recalls
 - Coordinate the recall process with State Distributing Agencies (SDA)
 - Coordinate information between SDAs and the FNS HQ Food Safety Unit

Regional Office Roles and Responsibilities



- Disaster Feeding Response
 - Work with State offices to respond to disaster feeding situations that require the use of UDSA foods
 - Last Resort!
We look to institutional foods 1st.

Regional Office Roles and Responsibilities



- Reporting
 - Prepare, review, and submit a variety of reports and plans involving all aspects of program administration including financial, warehousing and distribution of USDA Foods
 - FNS 153, FNS 191, SF 425

Regional Office Roles and Responsibilities



- Other Duties as Assigned
 - Outreach, program promotion, special initiatives, conference attendance, on-site visits and technical assistance, etc.

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