



FOOD DISTRIBUTION is responsible for the management and supervision of the processes involved in supplying foods to public schools and other eligible recipients participating in the National School Lunch Program. Through this program we operate the Statewide Procurement Program as well as managing USDA Foods for use in school programs, The Emergency Food Assistance Program, The Commodity Supplemental Food Program, Summer Food Service Programs, and Disaster Assistance. Food Distribution is a branch of the Child Nutrition Programs operating out of the Alabama State Department of Education.

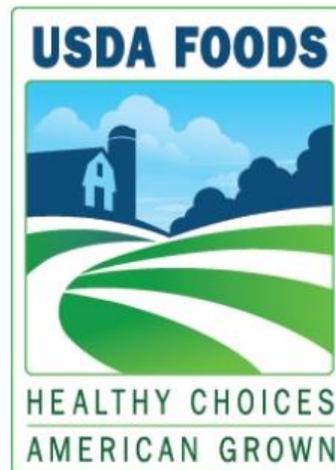


The **USDA Foods** in Schools program supports domestic nutrition programs and American agricultural producers through purchases of 100% American-grown and -produced foods for use by schools and institutions participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

The **National School Lunch Program (NSLP)** is a federally assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential childcare institutions. It provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or no-cost lunches to children each school day. The program was established under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, signed into law by President Harry Truman in 1946.

The **Statewide Procurement Program (SWP)** operates as a non-profit purchasing cooperative bidding meal pattern compliant food items, storage and delivery services on behalf of Alabama schools participating in USDA programs. Annually, over \$10 million dollars is returned to the schools participating in SWP through rebates collected on their behalf.

The **Department of Defense Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (DoD Fresh)** allows schools to use their USDA Foods entitlement dollars to buy fresh domestic produce in order to support Farm to School Programs.



The **Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)** is a federal program that helps supplement the diets of low-income Americans by providing them with emergency food assistance at no cost. USDA provides 100% American-grown USDA Foods and administrative funds to states to operate TEFAP.

Food Distribution Disaster Assistance coordinates with USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), state, local and voluntary organizations to provide USDA Foods during Presidentially declared disasters and state situations of distress. These USDA Foods are available for shelters to use for mass congregate feeding sites and to distribute food packages directly to households in need in limited situations.

The **Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)** works to improve the health of low-income persons at least 60 years of age by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA Foods. USDA distributes both food and administrative funds to participating states and Indian Tribal Organizations to operate CSFP.

