



Food Distribution and Statewide Procurement

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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.

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM



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.





USDA Foods in Schools

USDA Foods provides American grown foods that help schools create appealing, nutritious, and cost-effective menu options.

USDA Foods

- 100% Domestic American Grown and Produced Foods
- <https://www.fns.usda.gov/usda-fis/usda-foods-available>
- Entitlement is based on meals served
- Let's look at Alabama's School Year 2021-2022

USDA Foods for School Year 2021-2022

- Alabama Entitlement
- USDA is allowing states to use School Year 2018-2019 meals served (82,378,887) to determine entitlement
- School Year 2021-2022 rate is \$.3975 per meal
- Total USDA Foods Entitlement is \$40,264,039
- Remember to order all USDA Foods within 60 days.
- Request transfers of USDA Foods you will not use to FoodDist@alsde.edu



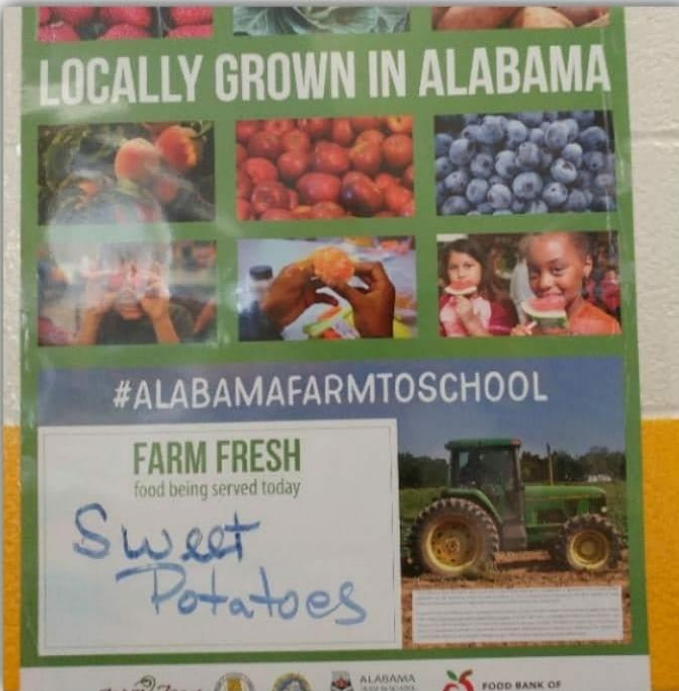
USDA
Foods

from Farm to Plate



DoD Fresh

- School Year 2021-2022 budget is \$4,000,000
- DLA is rebidding Alabama's contract to include direct ordering and delivery for RA's
- RA's Piloting DoD Direct:
 - Huntsville City Schools
 - Montgomery City Schools





Statewide Procurement

- RFP ALSDE 2021-03 Documents are here:
[https://www.alabamaachievers.org/child-nutrition-programs/food-distribution/#General Information 8211 SWPUS DA Food Contracts Documents](https://www.alabamaachievers.org/child-nutrition-programs/food-distribution/#General%20Information%208211%20SWPUS%20DA%20Food%20Contracts%20Documents)

Statewide Procurement

- Contracts
 - 2 Distributor
 - 14 Manufacturer
 - 2 Processing
- Order Guide Items
 - 111 Group A
 - 64 Rebate
 - 456 Group B
 - 567 total



New Order Guide Items

- Pizzas are changing to 100% Mozzarella USDA Cheese for more processing rebates
- 10625 Dill Flavored Chicken Breast Bites
 - Fully Cooked
 - 2 MMA & ½ WG minimum
- 18104/18105 Filled Cookies
 - Individually wrapped
 - Smart Snack & 1 oz WG



100% Mozzarella Pizzas



Dill Flavored Chicken Nuggets and Filets



Chocolate and Frosting Filled Cookies, IW



New Order Guide Items Cont.

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