

**Alabama State Department of Education
Child Nutrition Programs
Food Distribution Program**

USDA DoD Fresh (FFAVORS) Funds Sweep

To ensure the full utilization of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Department of Defense (DoD) Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program (FFAVORS) funds, the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) Food Distribution Program will conduct a review of available district balances twice a year.

Review and Notification

Twice each year, ALSDE will review all USDA DoD Fresh account balances to identify funds that have not been utilized or are not projected to be utilized by the Recipient Agency (RA) prior to the federal expenditure deadline. Dates of account review are below:

- School Programs - On or near December 30 for the June 30 deadline
- Summer Foods - On or near August 30 for the September 30 deadline

RAs may be notified of their available balances and provided an opportunity to submit projected usage plans or place additional orders utilizing available funds.

Sweep and Reallocation

Following the review, ALSDE reserves the right to sweep all or a portion of unused USDA DoD Fresh funds from the RA accounts when it is determined that the funds may not be fully utilized by June 30 or September 30. Swept funds may be reallocated to RAs that:

- Demonstrate the ability to fully utilize additional USDA DoD Fresh funds prior to the deadline;
- Have a history of timely utilization of USDA DoD Fresh allocations;
- Request additional funds due to increased participation or operational need; and
- Are in good standing with program requirements.

Final Deadline

All USDA DoD Fresh funds must be utilized by June 30 of the applicable program year for school nutrition and September 30 for the summer foods program. Any remaining funds not used by this date will expire and cannot be carried forward into the next program year.

State Agency Authority

ALSDE retains sole authority to determine when USDA DoD Fresh funds will be swept and reallocated to maximize the use of available federal resources and to prevent the loss of funds due to expiration.

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