

FRESH PRODUCE FOR SCHOOLS

Use USDA Foods entitlement dollars to buy fresh produce



INTRODUCTION:

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of Defense (DoD) have partnered together to increase the availability of a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables delivered directly to participating schools. For School Year 2015-16, schools in Wisconsin will spend \$2.1 Million USDA Foods entitlement purchasing DoD Fresh produce.

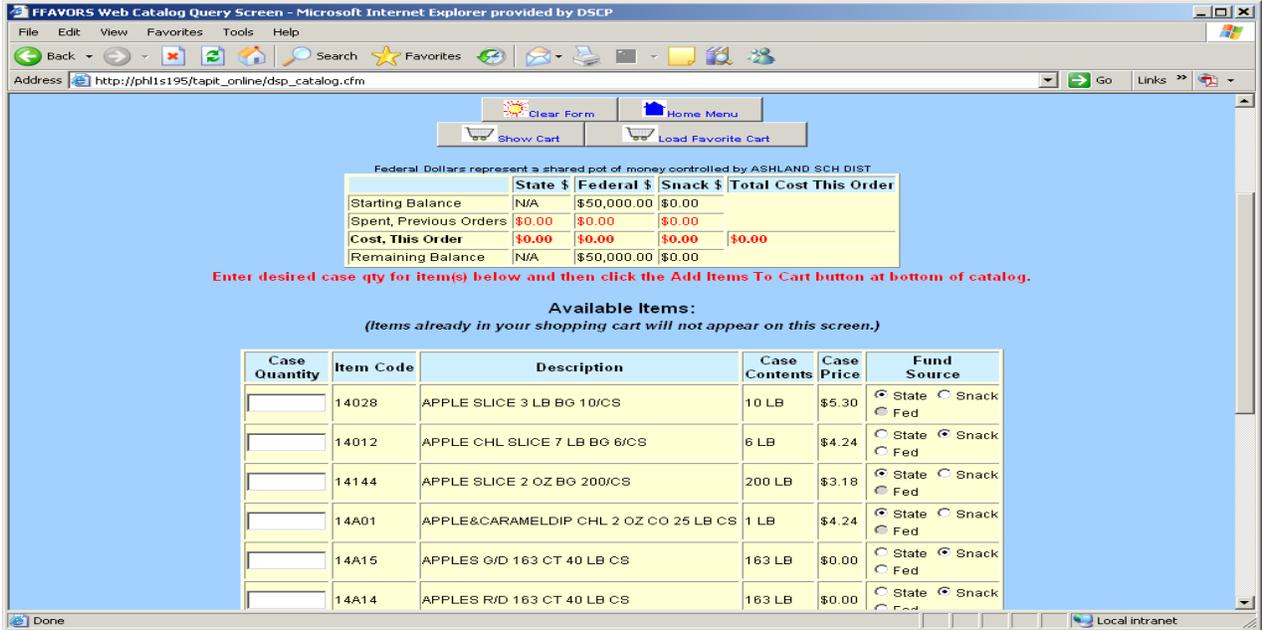
ADVANTAGES OF USING THE PROGRAM:

1. Schools have the option to use USDA Foods entitlement dollars.
2. Huge DoD purchasing power using a diverse network of suppliers, mostly small businesses, to distribute produce items to schools.
3. Schools do not receive any invoices for their purchases as DoD handles the vendor payments and reconciliation.
4. Convenient electronic online ordering system.

HOW DOES IT WORK AND HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

In Wisconsin, every School Food Authority (SFA) electing to participate must enter an entitlement commitment on their annual order/survey.

HOW TO ORDER:



Participating schools place orders directly through the DoD ordering website for a variety of American-grown fresh produce via the web-based DoD Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Ordering System (FFAVORS). A variety of produce is listed on a catalog updated weekly and deliveries are made every week. FFAVORS track the entitlement funding balance. Under USDA regulations, foreign products cannot be purchased with entitlement dollars. A \$100 minimum order drop is required per delivery.

VARIETY OF PRODUCE: "local" produce accessibility as indicated in FFAVORS.



Different types of produce in a variety of pack sizes and local produce are offered depending on availability.

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RESOURCES: [USDA DoD Fresh Produce Program](#) [DoD/DLA Troop Support](#) [WI DPI DoD Fresh Produce Program](#)