# **Wisconsin USDA Foods Cheese Processing Program**

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

1. *If I do not participate in the program this year, can I commit to participate in the next school year?*

Yes. During the Wisconsin Annual USDA Foods Order, each School Food Authorities (SFAs) that chooses to participate in the Cheese Processing Program will commit bulk pounds of cheese to their procured vendor(s). Participation in this program is an annual decision.

1. *How do I get my pizza and pizza-type products delivered to my school?*

You will order the products through your commercial distributor(s) the same as your other commercial purchases. The commercial distributor will deliver the products to your SFA.

1. *Once I commit to a vendor, can I change my bulk cheese commitment to any of the other vendor(s) during the school year?*

No. Your bulk commitment to that vendor(s) is for the entire school year, or until the cheese inventory has been depleted.

1. *What if I do not use all of the bulk cheese I committed to a vendor(s) for one school year?*

SFAs should calculate cheese commitments carefully and commit an amount that can be used during the school year. For complete details, refer to the Department of Public Instruction’s Inventory Carryover Policy, which all participating SFAs are required to follow.

1. *Can I commit cheese I have currently stored at my school?*

No. The cheese you commit for the Cheese Processing Program is directly diverted to the cheese processing vendors from the USDA-contracted vendor.