**Direct Diversion Timelines for School Food Authorities (SFAs)**

**For School Year 2023-24 Participation**

**September 2022**

* List of eligible direct diversion processors posted to website by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

**October 2022**

* Direct diversion information posted to the DPI website; notification emailed to SFAs. Information includes:
	+ Participation requirements - Read only Direct Diversion Agreement between SFA and DPI
	+ List of eligible processors with processor’s contact information
	+ Worksheet for calculating yields/pounds to commit
	+ Recipient agency (RA) procurement guidelines (USDA)
	+ Direct diversion timelines
	+ Inventory carryover and sweep policy

**Mid-October 2022 to January 30, 2023**

* Procurement of direct diversion finished end products – SFAs select one of these procurement options:
	+ - * Direct-to-Manufacturer/Processor Process: Finished end products are selected during the evaluation process.
			* Indirect from Distributor – Pre-Approval (branding) Process: Finished end products are determined prior to sending out the solicitation.
		- All procurement contracts must be finalized by January 30, 2023, so that SFAs can select processors for bulk products on annual USDA Foods order. Recommendation: SFAs should complete the commercial distribution procurement process by January 30, 2023.

**November 2022 - Annual Direct Diversion Participation Training**

* Wisconsin SNA – Fall Conference and Food Show

**End of January 2023**

* Annual order information, including information on processed products, is posted on website.

**Approximately Mid-February 2023**

* Annual order period for SY 2023-24 USDA Foods opens. SFAs participating in direct diversion will commit pounds of bulk USDA Foods and select procured processors on the annual order survey.
* SFAs agree to the “Direct Diversion Agreement” in the USDA Foods ordering system prior to completing the Direct Diversion annual survey.

**By End of March 2023**

* SFAs must have valid contract in place with commercial distributor and updated the online USDA Foods agreement with distribution information.

**July 2023 through June 2024**

* Submit orders for direct diversion end products to distributors.
* Track drawdown of your allocated pounds to ensure proper amounts are utilized for received products, ensuring all pounds are utilized.