

FRESH PRODUCE FOR SCHOOLS

Use USDA Foods entitlement dollars to buy fresh produce



INFORMATION:

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of Defense (DoD) have collaborated together to increase the availability of a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables delivered directly to participating schools. For School Year 2019-20, schools in Wisconsin will spend \$3.8 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. Vast DoD purchasing power using a diverse network of suppliers, mostly small businesses, to distribute produce items to schools.
3. Schools do not pay the invoice 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. 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 are listed on a catalog updated weekly and delivered on a weekly basis. FFAVORS track the entitlement funding balance. Under USDA regulations, foreign products cannot be purchased with entitlement dollars. A \$150 minimum order drop is required per delivery.

VARIETY OF PRODUCE:

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

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RESOURCES: [WI DoD Fresh Produce Program](#) [USDA DoD Fresh Program](#)