

DoD Fresh Produce Program Timeline for School Year 2023-24

Basics of the Program Using USDA Foods Entitlement Dollars

1. **February 2023:** All School Food Authorities (SFA's) will receive the annual order information regarding details of the program.
2. **February 13, 2023 – February 28, 2023:** SFA's will enter entitlement dollar commitments on their annual order.
3. **April 2023:** Participating agencies entitlement dollar commitments will be entered into DoD's web-based Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Order Receipts System (**FFAVORS**). If your agency is new in the program, please email the following information to Antonio.ante@dpi.wi.gov:

School name:
Full Delivery Address:
Name of ordering person:
Phone:
Email:
4. After **September 1, 2023**; SFA's that allocated to DoD during the annual ordering period may begin to place fresh fruit and vegetable orders through FFAVORS.
5. For every order placed through DoD using entitlement dollars, the DoD web-based ordering system FFAVORS will maintain a "checkbook balance" and provide details on the total dollars allocated, spent and remaining funds.
6. For every order placed through DoD using entitlement dollars, the invoice is sent to and paid directly by USDA (i.e. you will not be invoiced for the produce).
7. In **December 2023**, DPI will assess the entitlement expenditures for all participating agencies. DPI will send a reminder email notice to SFAs that have significant balances, little activity and/or non-activity. **Please Note: The commitment of entitlement dollars to this program is a yearly commitment. Any unused entitlement dollars will be lost at the end of the school year.**
8. In **March 2024**, DPI will again assess the entitlement expenditures for all participating agencies. **DPI reserves the right to re-allocate entitlement commitment from SFAs that have significant balances, little activity and/or non-activity.** DPI will notify affected agencies regarding the re-allocation and will re-distribute accumulated funds to interested SFAs on a fair-share basis, by end of **April 2024**.

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