

To: All SFAs Participating in USDA Foods Direct Diversion and Cheese Processing PY 2024

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Subject: Wisconsin DPI- USDA Foods Direct Diversion Transfer Request Guidelines remainder of SY23-24

Hello Direct Diversion SFA,

We recently audited our Direct Diversion pounds in our state accounts and have found some bulk materials with excess pounds available. To meet USDA 6 month on hand requirement, we are adjusting our current transfer request policy to allow pounds to be utilized this school year.

Currently, we are allowing SFAs to request a transfer from the state account up to the amount of pounds the SFA allocated for the year. Based on months on hand data and excess pounds available, we are planning to modify the transfer request guidelines for the rest of this school year.

New transfer guidelines for remainder of SY2023-2024:

- SFAs are allowed to request more than the original allocation.
- All Direct Diversion SFAs including those who did not initially allocate pounds to processor this SY can request transfer of pounds from the state account or from another SFA.

Reminders:

- All transfers must be approved by Wisconsin DPI.
- SFAs must utilize each processors calculators in determining the amount of pounds to request and to justify the need of extra pounds.
- For SFAs who did not originally allocate pounds to a processor, processors and brokers will need to add/set up the SFA account with their correct distributor in ProcessorLink, K12 or other systems.
- All transfer requests must be initiated by broker/processor and must be submitted to WI DPI Direct Diversion email dpidirectdiversion@dpi.wi.gov.
- SFA and broker should notify the distributor regarding addition of pounds.

Please note that these new guidelines are only for the remainder of this school year. WI DPI will continue to assess strategies available to meet USDA regulations each school year.

Thank you,

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