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COMMODITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS

By law, the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service acquires agricultural commodities through price support programs, surplus removal, and direct purchases from domestic markets. These commodities are distributed through the USDA, Food Distribution Program to improve the nutritional status of children and adults and to assist and strengthen the American Agricultural market.

In Nevada, the Food Distribution Program is administered by the Department of Administration, Purchasing Division's Food Distribution Program (FDP). The Nevada FDP provides administrative support, storage and transportation for the distribution of commodity foods to recipient agencies.

The Nevada FDP administers the commodity assistance programs according to USDA regulations and state policies as listed below.

Child Nutrition Commodity Support (CNCS)

The program provides basic and processed commodity foods for the following:

- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- School Breakfast Program (SBP)
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

All recipient agencies must be tax exempt and comply with USDA's nutritional standards. Commodities are allocated according to a fair share basis based on eligible reimbursable meals served.

State Processing Program (SPP)

The State Processing Program has the authority to convert raw bulk USDA foods into more convenient processed end products such as chicken nuggets by entering into agreements with commercial food processors. Most of these products go to schools participating in the National School Lunch Program. Through the State Processing Program, recipient agencies can provide more varied and higher quality meals at a reduced cost.

Nutrition Service Incentive Program (NSIP) formerly NPE

Commodity foods are provided as an option to cash to the meals-on-wheels program operated by Senior Citizen Centers throughout the state through the Older American Act.

Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

The TEFAP provides non-profit distribution sites commodities for redistribution to low-income families. This food is for home consumption and is free, but recipients must meet state and federal guidelines. Soup kitchens and other non-profit organizations that prepare and serve meals for needy individuals can also receive food at no cost.

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation (FDPIR)

The FDPIR provides commodity foods to low-income households, including the elderly residing on Indian reservations in the state. This is an alternative to the Food Stamp Program because many households do not have easy access to food stores.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

The CSFP works to improve the health of low-income pregnant and breastfeeding women, other new mothers up to one year postpartum, infants, children up to age six, and elderly people age 60 years and older. CSFP participants must meet federal and state eligibility criteria in order to receive monthly food packages.

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

The SFMNP provides low-income seniors with coupons that can be exchanged for eligible foods at Nevada certified farmers' markets. The purpose of this program is to increase the consumption, production, and distribution of fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables and to supplement the nutritional needs for Nevada seniors. Seniors must meet income criteria established by the federal government.

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Provide USDA commodities to disaster organizations for group feeding and as necessary for household distribution in the event of a disaster.

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