**USDA DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

1. ***If a Recipient Agency (RA) participates in the USDA DoD Fresh Program using USDA Foods entitlement dollars, will they receive an invoice for products ordered through the FFAVORS ordering system?***

No. All bills for produce ordered by RAs participating in the DoD Fresh Program using entitlement dollars are paid by USDA (United States Department of Agriculture). RAs participating in this program can continue to participate until they have spent the entitlement dollars allocated to this program within a given school year.

1. ***If a RA participates in the DoD Fresh Program using entitlement dollars, does the RA have to order products weekly, and are there specific items that must be ordered****?*

No. RAs taking part in this program should handle DoD Fresh the same as any other potential fresh fruit and vegetable vendor. Agencies should compare the price of all products available through DoD Fresh on a weekly basis and only order products when it is cost-effective to do so. FFAVORS lists a catalog of items available to order.

1. ***When produce is ordered through the FFAVORS system,*** ***will the produce be delivered along with the USDA Foods Direct Delivery products shipped by the state warehouse contractor?***

No. The delivery of DoD Fresh produce ordered through the FFAVORS system is a separate delivery. It will not be handled through the current state contracted warehouse (Gold Star). DoD Fresh ordering and receipting is done in FFAVORS.

1. ***Are there any restrictions on what types of fresh fruit and vegetables can be ordered through the USDA Foods DoD Fresh Program?***

Yes. Under USDA regulations, foreign products cannot be purchased with entitlement dollars.

1. ***Is participation in the USDA Foods DoD Fresh Program mandatory****?*

No. The DoD Fresh Program is a choice for spending entitlement dollars. Each RA can commit some, all, or none of their entitlement dollars for the school year to the USDA DoD Fresh Program. However, any entitlement dollars that are committed to the DoD Fresh Program will result in less entitlement available to spend on other USDA Food items that are offered through the USDA Foods program (Direct Delivery, Diversion/Processing, Unprocessed Fruit and Vegetables Pilot, and DoD Fresh).