**DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

1. ***If I participate in the DoD Program using entitlement dollars, will I receive an invoice for products ordered through DoD?***

No. All bills for produce ordered by schools participating in the DoD Program using **entitlement dollars** are sent to and paid by USDA. Agencies participating in this program using entitlement dollars can continue to participate until they have expended the entitlement dollars committed to this program within a given school year.

1. ***If our agency participates in the DoD Program using entitlement dollars, does our agency have to order products weekly and are there specific products that have to be ordered****?*

No. SFA’s participating in this program should handle DoD the same as any other potential fresh fruit and vegetable vendor. Agencies should compare the price of all products available through DoD on a weekly basis and only order products when it is cost-effective to do so.

1. ***When products are ordered through the DoD program, will the products be delivered along with the current monthly USDA food delivery?***

No. The delivery of products ordered through the DoD program is completely separate from the monthly delivery of USDA food products and will not be handled through the current state contracted warehouses. Nor will any products ordered show up on the monthly USDA food “Order” sheet accessible in the USDA Food Ordering System.

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

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

1. ***Is participation in the DoD Program mandatory****?*

No. The DoD Program is an additional option for spending allotted **entitlement dollars.** Each agency has the option of committing some, all, or none of their allotted entitlement dollars. However, any entitlement dollars that are committed to this program will result in less money available to spend on other USDA food products that are offered through the USDA Food Program.