



USDA Foods Program Overview

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USDA Dual Mission





Farmers Market Nutrition Program



Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program



SNAP



WIC



Child and Adult Care Food Program



Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program



National School Lunch Program



School Breakfast Program



Special Milk Program



Summer EBT



Summer Food Service Program



The Patrick Leahy Farm to School Program

USDA Foods (or Food Distribution) Programs



Commodity Supplemental Food Program



Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations



The Emergency Food Assistance Program

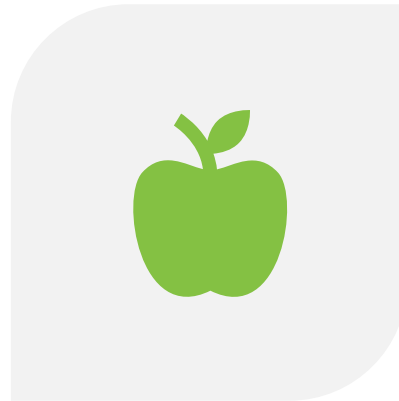


USDA Foods in Schools

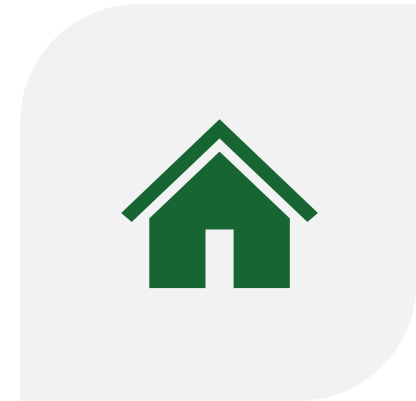
What are USDA Foods?



FOOD PURCHASED BY
USDA FROM AMERICAN
FARMERS TO SUPPORT
NUTRITION ASSISTANCE
PROGRAMS



NUTRITIOUS FOODS
THAT ALIGN WITH THE
DIETARY GUIDELINES
FOR AMERICANS



300+ PRODUCTS ACROSS
ALL FOOD GROUPS AND
TYPES (E.G. FRESH,
SHELF STABLE, FROZEN)



\$4.7 Billion

More than \$4.7 billion and 3.2 billion pounds of domestic products were purchased for USDA Foods in FY23.



Where It Starts: Authorizing Legislation



National School Lunch Act: 1946



“...as a matter of *national security*, and to safeguard the health and well being of the *nations children*, and to *expand the market with nutritious agricultural commodities*, the school lunch program is established...”

1973 Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act



- CSFP was established by Congress in 1969 to address hunger in specific population groups
- Officially authorized in 1973 in the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act
- Included pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children until 2014 Farm Bill changed focus to individuals above age 60

TEFAP – Early Beginnings and Authorization



- December 1981: President Reagan announced the Special Dairy Distribution Program (SDDP), distributing 390 million pounds of cheese and butter to state and local governments
- Around the same time, a law passed creating a demonstration project to test feasibility of distributing surplus foods to needy individuals through food banks
- Evolved into The Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program in 1983 with passage of The Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Act (TEFAP)
- Provided \$50 million to distribute surplus foods such as nonfat dry milk, flour, cornmeal, rice, and honey



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USDA Foods in Schools



- Support meals and snacks served to children through:
 - National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
 - Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
 - Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- Provides about 15-20% of food used in school meals
- Entitlement calculated based on the number of lunches served the previous year
- Foods are nutrient dense and support the school meal patterns (e.g. lower sodium, sugar)
- FY23 purchases totaled more than \$2 billion

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)



- Aims to improve the health of low-income seniors by supplementing the diet with nutritious USDA Foods
- People at least 60 years old with income at or below 130 percent of the Federal poverty level may participate
- On average, 695,858 individuals participated monthly in FY23
- Program supplies a food package to individuals each month including: fruits and juice, vegetables, meat and fish, beans and peanut butter, grains, cereal, milk, and cheese

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)



- Provides USDA Foods to income-eligible households living on or near Indian reservations
- Households may participate in FDPIR as an alternative to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- On average, FDPIR served 49,324 individuals monthly in FY23
- Participants receive a defined monthly food benefit including up to 65 units of food per person
- Food packages include traditional foods, such as bison, wild rice, blue cornmeal, and walleye

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)



- Supplements the diets of low-income Americans by providing emergency food assistance
- USDA Foods are used by organizations like soup kitchens and food pantries to those in need
- Entitlement based on the number of unemployed persons and people with incomes below the poverty level in the State
- States use their entitlement to select foods from the list of available products, including fresh, frozen, and shelf stable foods

TEFAP: Section 32 Bonus Products



- Products purchased by USDA to assist with rapidly developing market surpluses
- AMS works with industry to determine needs
- Approvals are for specific dollar values and products, and target specific delivery timeframes
- Foods are distributed primarily to TEFAP and these foods do not count against States' entitlement, so they are considered a “bonus” to the program
- FY23 Bonus purchases totaled a record amount of \$955 million



How It Works





USDA Foods: Agency Roles

FNS

Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

Supplemental Nutrition and Safety Programs

Administration of USDA Foods Program & Processing Program, Foods Available List, Order Fulfillment, Customer Service

AMS

Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

Commodity Procurement Program

Specifications, Procurement, Contract Administration, Vendor Performance & Payment for Direct Delivery and Further Processing

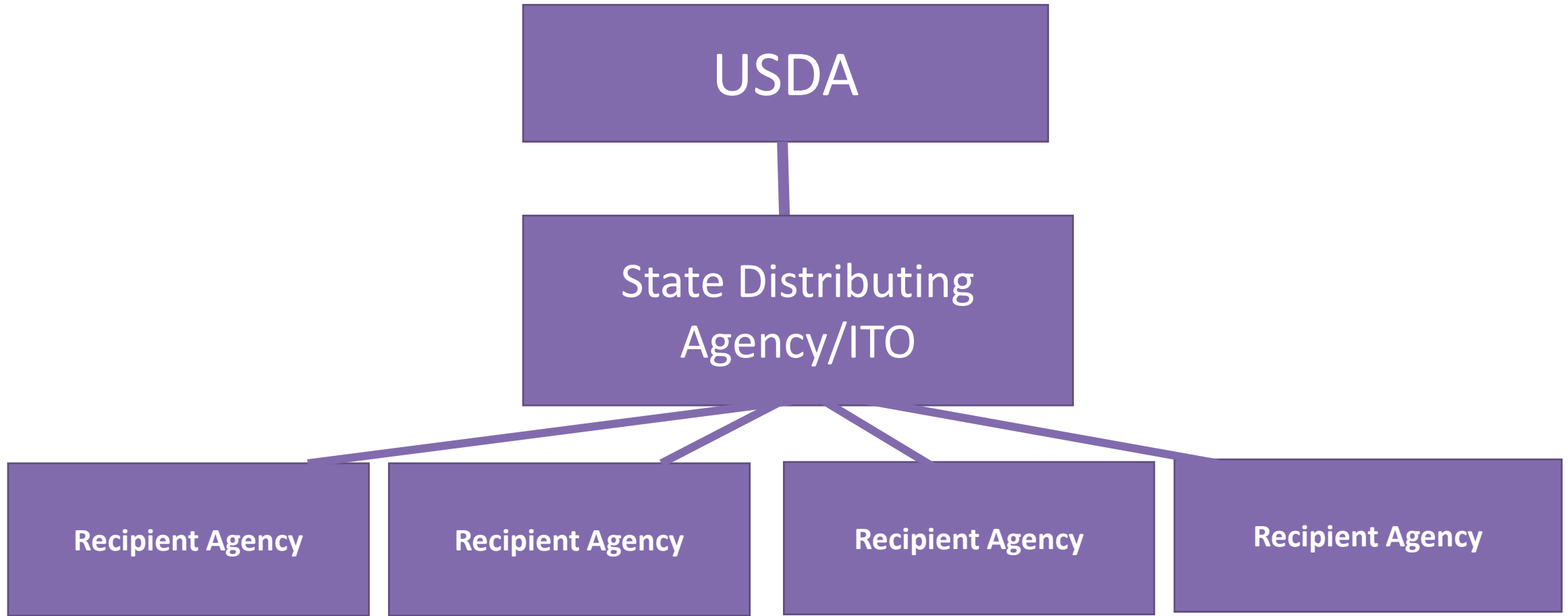
DoD

Department of Defense (DoD)

Defense Logistics Agency

Procurement, Contract Administration, Vendor Performance & Payment for USDA DoD Fresh

Program Management



USDA Foods Available List



USDA Foods Available List for School Year 2024-2025 for Schools and Institutions



| USDA Foods Description | WBSM # | PACK SIZE | USDA Foods Description | WBSM # | PACK SIZE | SUBGROUP |
|---|--------|------------------|---|--------|----------------|----------|
| FRUITS | | | VEGETABLES | | | |
| Apples, Braeburn, Fresh | 100523 | 40 lb case | Beans, Green, Low-sodium, Canned (K) | 100307 | 6/#10 can | OTH |
| Apples, Empire, Fresh | 100517 | 40 lb case | Beans, Green, No Salt Added, Frozen | 100351 | 30 lb case | OTH |
| Apples, Fuji, Fresh | 100522 | 40 lb case | Beans, Green, No Salt Added, Frozen | 111054 | 12/2 lb bag | OTH |
| Apples, Gala, Fresh | 100521 | 40 lb case | Broccoli Florets, No Salt Added, Frozen | 110473 | 30 lb case | DS |
| Apples, Granny Smith, Fresh | 110543 | 40 lb case | Carrots, Diced, No Salt Added, Frozen | 110480 | 30 lb case | RO |
| Apples, Red Delicious, Fresh | 100514 | 40 lb case | Carrots, Diced, No Salt Added, Frozen | 111052 | 12/2 lb bag | RO |
| Apple Slices, Unsweetened, Canned | 100206 | 6/#10 can | Carrots, Sliced, Low-sodium, Canned | 100309 | 6/#10 can | RO |
| Apple Slices, Unsweetened, Frozen (IQF) | 100258 | 30 lb case | Carrots, Sliced, No Salt Added, Frozen | 100352 | 30 lb case | RO |
| Applesauce, Unsweetened, Canned (K) | 110541 | 6/#10 can | Corn, Whole Kernel, No Salt Added, Canned (K) | 100313 | 6/#10 can | ST |
| Applesauce, Unsweetened, Cups, Shelf-Stable | 110361 | 96/4.5 oz cup | Corn, Whole Kernel, No Salt Added, Frozen | 100348 | 30 lb case | ST |
| Apples, For Processing | 110149 | Bulk Pounds | Corn, Whole Kernel, No Salt Added, Frozen | 111053 | 12/2.5 lb bag | ST |
| Apricots, Diced, Frozen | 100261 | 96/4.5 oz cup | Mixed Vegetables, No Salt Added, Frozen | 111230 | 6/5 lb bag | ADD'L |
| Apricots, Diced, Extra Light Syrup, Canned | 100216 | 6/#10 can | Peas, Green, Low-sodium, Canned | 100315 | 6/#10 can | ST |
| Blueberries, Wild, Unsweetened, Frozen | 100243 | 30 lb case | Peas, Green, No Salt Added, Frozen | 100350 | 30 lb case | ST |
| Blueberries, Wild, Unsweetened, Frozen | 100242 | 8/3 lb bag | Peas, Green, No Salt Added, Frozen | 110763 | 12/2.5 lb bag | ST |
| Blueberries, Unsweetened, Frozen | 110624 | 30 lb case | Pepper/Onion Strips, No Salt Added, Frozen | 110724 | 30 lb case | OTH |
| Blueberries, Unsweetened, Frozen | 110623 | 12/2.5 lb bag | Potatoes, Diced, No Salt Added, Frozen | 110844 | 6/5 lb bag | ST |
| Cherries, Tart, Dried | 100299 | 4/4 lb bag | Potatoes, Oven Fries, Low-sodium, Frozen | 100357 | 6/5 lb bag | ST |
| Cherries, Tart, Dried, Individual Portion | 111643 | 250/1.36 oz bag | Potatoes, Wedges, Fat Free, Low-sodium, Frozen (IQF) | 100356 | 6/5 lb bag | ST |
| Cherries, Sweet, Pitted, Unsweetened, Frozen (IQF) | 110872 | 12/2.5 lb bag | Potatoes, Wedges, Low-sodium, Frozen (IQF) | 100355 | 6/5 lb bag | ST |
| Cranberries, Dried, Individual Portion | 110723 | 300/1.16 oz bag | Potatoes, For Processing to Frozen | 100506 | Bulk Pounds | ST |
| Mixed Berries (Blueberries, Strawberries), Cups, Frozen | 110859 | 96/4 oz cup | Potatoes, For Processing to Dehydrated | 110227 | Bulk Pounds | ST |
| Mixed Fruit (Apples, Cherries, Cranberries, Raisins), Dried | 110161 | 5/5 lb bag | Salsa, Low-sodium, Canned | 100330 | 6/#10 can | RO |
| Mixed Fruit (Peaches, Pears, Grapes), Extra Light Syrup, Canned | 100212 | 6/#10 can | Salsa, Low-sodium, Pouch | 110186 | 6/106 oz pouch | RO |
| Oranges, Fresh | 100283 | 34-39 lb case | Spaghetti Sauce, Low-sodium, Canned | 100336 | 6/#10 can | RO |
| Peaches, Diced, Extra Light Syrup, Canned | 100220 | 6/#10 can | Spaghetti Sauce, Low-sodium, Pouch | 110177 | 6/106 oz pouch | RO |
| Peaches, Diced, Frozen | 100241 | 96/4.4 oz cup | Spinach, Chopped, No Salt Added, Frozen (IQF) | 110425 | 20 lb case | DS |
| Peaches, Sliced, Frozen | 100239 | 20 lb case | Sweet Potatoes, Cubes, No Salt Added, Frozen | 110562 | 6/5 lb bag | RO |
| Peaches, Sliced, Frozen | 100238 | 12/2 lb bag | Sweet Potatoes, Crinkle Cut Fries, Low-sodium, Frozen | 110721 | 6/5 lb bag | RO |
| Peaches, Sliced, Extra Light Syrup, Canned | 100219 | 6/#10 can | Sweet Potatoes, Light Syrup, No Salt Added, Canned | 100317 | 6/#10 can | RO |
| Pears, Diced, Extra Light Syrup, Canned (K) | 100275 | 6/#10 can | Sweet Potatoes, For Processing | 100980 | Bulk Pounds | RO |
| Pears, Halves, Extra Light Syrup, Canned | 100226 | 6/#10 can | Tomato Paste, No Salt Added, Canned | 100327 | 6/#10 can | RO |
| Pears, Sliced, Extra Light Syrup, Canned | 100224 | 6/#10 can | Tomato Paste, For Processing | 100322 | 2850 lb totes | RO |
| Raisins, Unsweetened, Individual Portion | 100293 | 144/1.33 oz unit | Tomato Sauce, Low-sodium, Canned | 100334 | 6/#10 can | RO |
| Strawberries, Diced, Cups, Frozen | 100256 | 96/4.5 oz cup | Tomato Sauce, Low-sodium, Pouch | 110187 | 6/106 oz pouch | RO |
| Strawberries, Sliced, Frozen | 100254 | 30 lb pail | Tomatoes, Diced, No Salt Added, Canned | 100329 | 6/#10 can | RO |
| Strawberries, Sliced, Unsweetened, Frozen (IQF) | 110860 | 6/5 lb bag | | | | |
| Strawberries, Whole, Unsweetened, Frozen (IQF) | 110846 | 6/5 lb bag | | | | |

Note: USDA Foods entitlement may also be used to order a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables for weekly delivery through the USDA DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. Contact your State Distributing Agency if you are interested in participating in this program.

| KEY: |
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| DS - Dark Green vegetable subgroup |
| OTH - Other vegetable subgroup |
| RO - Red/Orange vegetable subgroup |
| ST - Starchy vegetable subgroup |
| ADD'L - Product credits towards additional vegetables |
| IQF - Individually Quick Frozen |
| K - Kosher Certification Required |
| USDA Food for Processing* |

*Other USDA Foods found on the Foods Available List can also be used for the processing program.

This list is subject to change based on market availability. Please refer to the WBSM catalog which contains the most up to date list of available USDA Foods. January 2024

- The Foods Available Lists offer a defined list of products for each program that States/local programs can select for distribution
- 300+ foods are routinely purchased by AMS for USDA Foods programs
- In NSLP and TEFAP, States select foods they want to receive using their entitlement funds; these USDA Foods supplement food received from other sources
- In FDPIR and CSFP, programs select foods needed to fulfill each category of the Food Package to offer the defined benefit monthly





Procurement Process

1. FNS collects orders from States and sends to AMS
2. AMS issues purchase announcements
3. Vendors respond to solicitation with offers submitted in WBSCM
4. AMS evaluates offers and awards contracts to one or more vendors
5. Vendor delivers product to State/local agency warehouse
6. Recipient submits a receipt to confirm the product was received
7. Vendor submits invoice in WBSCM and receives payment



Resources





Policy Resources

FNS Instruction 709-5: Shipment and Receipt of USDA Foods

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/usda-foods/shipment-and-receipt-goods-fns-instruction-709-5>

FD-107: Donated Food Storage, Distribution and Product Dating

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/usda-foods/storage-and-inventory-management-usda-donated-foods>



USDA Foods Procurement Information

How the Process Works

- <https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food/how-process-works>

USDA Foods Specifications

- www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food/product-specs

Solicitations, Awards, and List of Approved Vendors

- www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food/solicitations



FNS Program Area Key Roles

FNS Food Distribution Programs

- Oversee foods available and ordering for USDA Foods programs
- Oversee USDA Foods Processing Program
- Oversee USDA Foods Complaints
- Administer USDA DoD Fresh Program
- Monitor entitlement

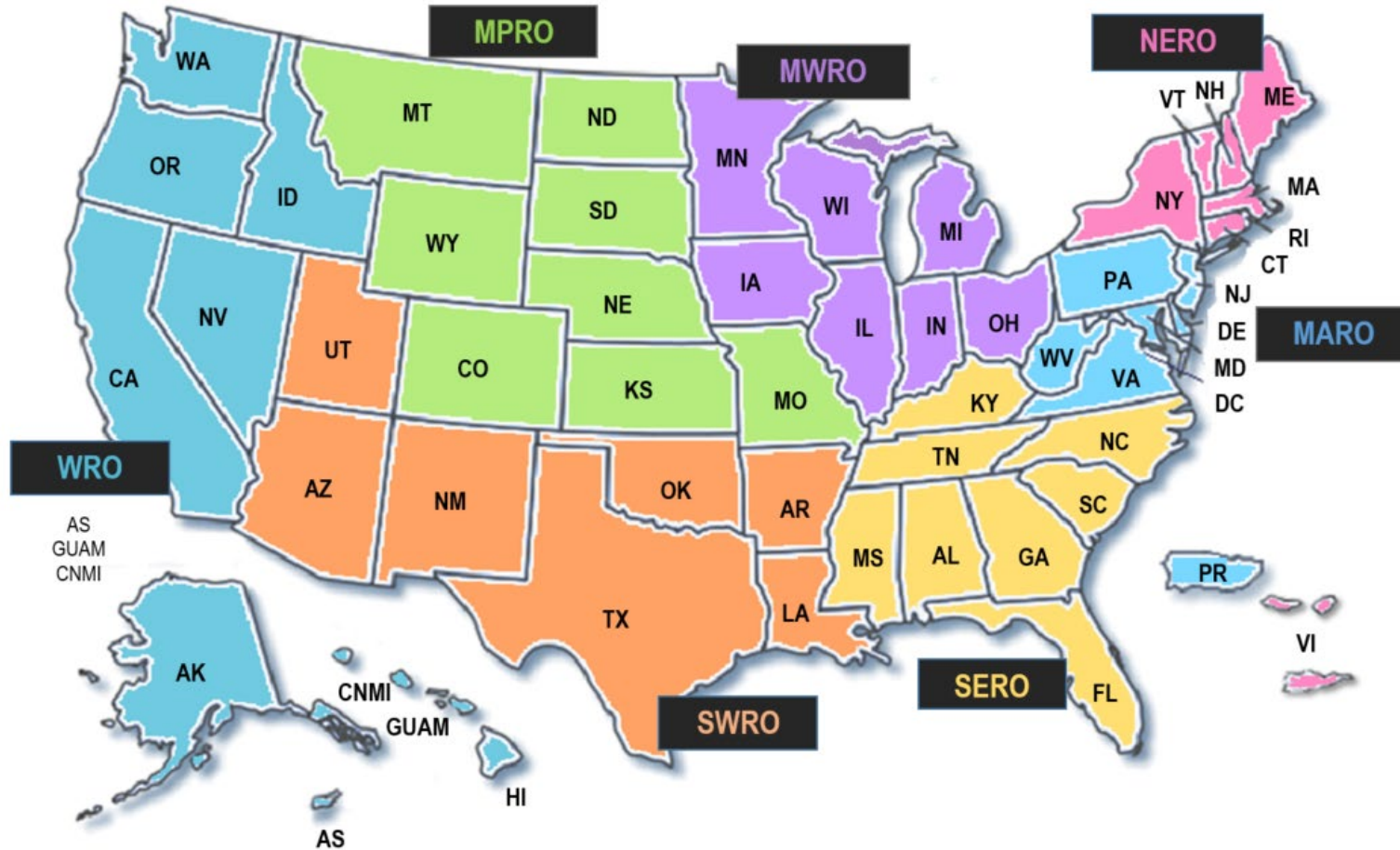
FNS Child Nutrition Programs

- Set policy for NSLP, including meal pattern and procurement policies
- Oversee Administrative Reviews/monitoring

FNS Regional Offices

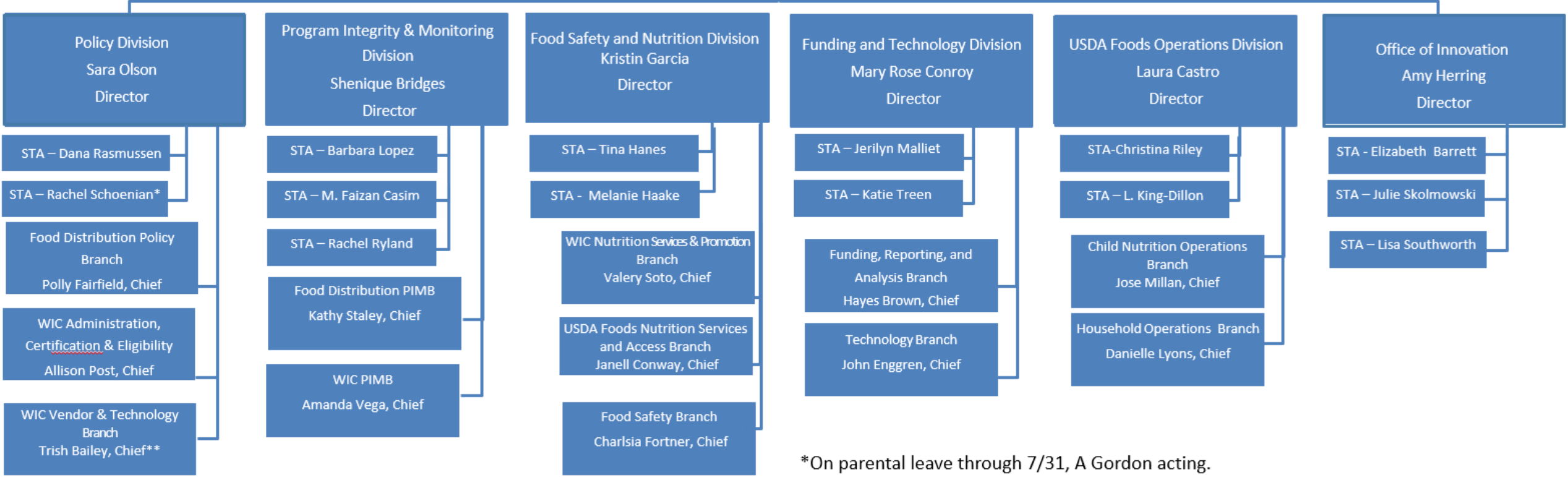
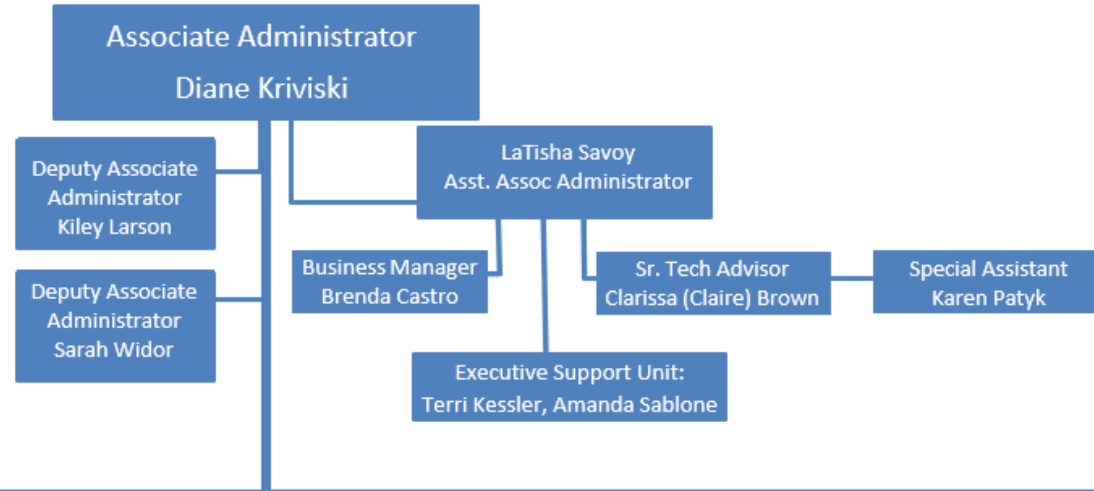
- Conduct MEs and provide technical assistance to States about program regulations
- Provide support to resolve issues that arise at the State level around program implementation

FNS Regional Offices



Supplemental Nutrition and Safety Programs

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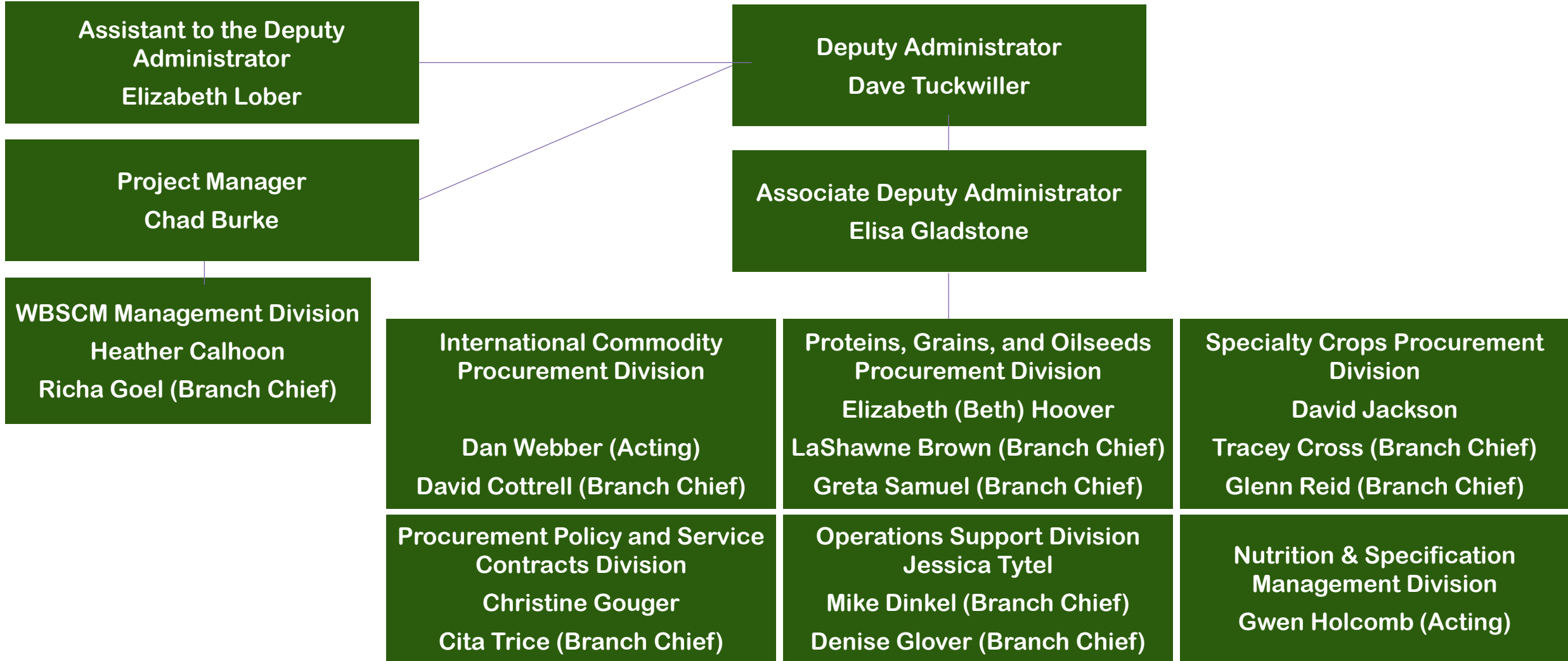
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Commodity Procurement Program

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 - Processing Program: NMPA@usda.gov
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- Contact the USDA Foods Complaints Team at:
 - 800-446-6991 (Monday-Friday 6:00am -5:00pm ET)
 - USDAFoodComplaints@usda.gov

Questions?