



United States Department of Agriculture

USDA DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program



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April 2022

Overview

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Roles and Responsibilities

- USDA Food and Nutrition Services (FNS)
- DoD Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)
- USDA DoD Fresh Produce Vendor
- State Distributing Agency
- Schools



USDA Responsibilities

Administer program

- Maintain Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Order and Receipt System (FFAVORS)
- Pay DLA for produce
- Provide DLA with list of schools & entitlement allocations
- Monitor entitlement utilization
- Work with DLA to resolve complaints

Defense Logistics Agency Responsibilities

Procurement agent

- Manage contracts with produce vendors
- Ensure produce vendors comply with contract requirements
- Support vendors to offer local produce
- Pay produce vendors for produce based on FFAVORS receipt
- Work with vendor & USDA to resolve complaints



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Contract Requirements for Vendors

- Food safety audits -USDA Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) & Good Handling Practices (GHP) or third-party audit
- Food Defense plan
- Valid USDA Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA) license
- Provide full-line of U.S. grown, U.S. No. 1 or better produce
- DLA Produce Quality Audit



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USDA DoD Fresh Contract Requirements



- Delivery period
6:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Delivery order minimum is \$150.00
- Only U.S. grown produce
- U.S. No. 1 or better



New USDA DoD Fresh Vendor

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Produce Vendor Responsibilities

- Upload bi-weekly catalogs in FFAVORS
- Schedule deliveries
- Provide information on produce availability
- Weekly deliveries of **U.S. grown** fruits & vegetables, U.S. No. 1 or better
- Offer local produce when seasonally available, & reasonably priced
- Resolve customer complaints
- Promptly report recalls to customers

SY 2022-2023

- SDA can request changes to USDA DoD Fresh allocations: **September 16, December 16, March 16, and April 15**
- SDA can add new sites in FFAVORS

State Distributing Agency (SDA) Responsibilities

- Communicate program requirements to schools
- Provide entitlement allocation amounts & school delivery addresses
- **Monitor school spending & reallocate funds in FFAVORS**
- Ensure SFAs receipt orders in FFAVORS within 5 days
- Report issues to USDA

School Responsibilities

- Place produce orders that meet delivery order minimum of \$150.00
- Inspect produce at time of delivery:
 - Reject non-domestic produce or produce that does not meet U.S. No. 1
- *Receipt in FFAVORS within 5 days*

School Responsibilities



- Report issues with produce quality, condition, availability, or delivery
- Notify vendor of school holidays/closures
- Monitor allocation balance in FFAVORS
- Utilize allocation within school year received - \$ does not carry-over



Receiving Produce

- Order produce in season
- Inspect produce ***at time*** of delivery
- Verify correct amount and type of produce ordered is what is delivered
- *Reject non-domestic produce*
- Check produce quality and condition
- Take photos of any issues

Receiving Produce



- Report issues with produce quality, availability, condition, or delivery within one (1) business day to:
 - Produce Vendor
 - DLA representative
 - State Distributing Agency (SDA)

Receiving Produce



- Document issues on delivery document and in FFAVORS when receipting produce order
- If issues are not resolved or continue, contact:
USDADoDFresh@usda.gov



Local Produce

- Local is defined as within that state and bordering states
- Vendors are *encouraged*, when seasonally available, to source local products
- FFAVORS usage report provide state of origin information

Local Produce

Item	Item Description	Unit of Issue	Units per Case	Src of Supply	State of Origin
14A61	SQUASH YELLOW FR 20 LB CS	LB	20	LOCAL	TN
14A62	SQUASH ZUCCHINI FR MED 20 LB CS	LB	20	LOCAL	SC, TN
14F16	WATERMELON CHL CHUNKS 48/4 OZ CUP 12 LB	LB	12	LOCAL	SC
14H87	APPLES FR G/S USF/XF 125-138 CT 40 LB CS	LB	40	CONUS	WA
14J03	CANTALOUPE CHL CHUNKS 5 LB BG	LB	5	CONUS	CA
14J04	HONEYDEW CHL CHUNKS 1/5 LB BG	LB	5	CONUS	CA
14M33	CARROTS WHL 5 LB BG	LB	5	CONUS	CA, MI
14P14	STRAWBERRIES FR CLAMSHELL 1 LB CO	LB	1	CONUS	CA
14P24	PEARS FR D'ANJOU/BARTLETT 44 LB CS	LB	44	CONUS	CA
14P36	GRAPES RED SDLS US#1 1/18 LB CS	LB	18	CONUS	CA
15A62	ONIONS YEL CHL DICE 5 LB BG	LB	5	CONUS	NM
15A64	TOMATOES FR CHERRY 2/1 PT CO	LB	2	LOCAL	NC
15A69	LETTUCE FR LEAF GREEN 3 CT 2 LB BG	LB	2	CONUS	CA
15A85	PEPPERS SWT CHL GRN DICE 5 LB BG	BG	1	LOCAL	🌟
15D24	LEMONS FR 12 CT 2 LB BG	LB	2	CONUS	CA



Local Produce - USDA Market News

ATLANTA : BLUEBERRIES Offerings : VERY LIGHT.

Location : ATLANTA Commodity : BLUEBERRIES Package: flats 12 1-pt cups with lids

Date	Low-High Price	Mostly Low-High Price	Origin	Origin District	Item Size	Environment	Color	Unit of Sale	Quality	Condition	Storage	Appearance	Crop	Trans Mode	Repacked	Comment
05/21/2021	22.00 - 24.00		CALIFORNIA		lge											
05/21/2021	26.50 - 31.00	26.50 - 27.00	CALIFORNIA		lge							FINEAPPEAR				
05/21/2021	17.00 - 20.00	19.50 - 20.00	FLORIDA		lge											few 14.00-16.00
05/21/2021	24.00 - 24.00		GEORGIA		lge											few 26.50, few 18.50

BALTIMORE : BLUEBERRIES Market : STEADY.

Location : BALTIMORE Commodity : BLUEBERRIES Package: flats 12 1-pt cups with lids

Date	Low-High Price	Mostly Low-High Price	Origin	Origin District	Item Size	Environment	Color	Unit of Sale	Quality	Condition	Storage	Appearance	Crop	Trans Mode	Repacked	Comment
05/21/2021	20.00 - 25.00	20.00 - 22.00	NORTH CAROLINA		lge											occas higher

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/fruits-vegetables>

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Local Produce - Seasonal Availability

Seasonal Availability												
Location	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
California			☑	☑	☑	☑	☑					
Carolinas				☑	☑	☑	☑					
FL & GA				☑	☑	☑	☑					
East Coast						☑	☑	☑	☑	☑		
Midwest							☑	☑	☑	☑		
Oregon						☑	☑	☑	☑	☑		
Texas					☑	☑	☑					
Washington						☑	☑	☑	☑	☑		

<https://www.producebluebook.com/know-your-commodity/Blueberries/>

References: Florida Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services, New Jersey Blueberry Industry Council, NC State Extension, USDA, U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council.



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FFAVORS Reports

- All customers may access the following reports:
 - Usage Report
 - Budget/Balance Spent
 - Catalog
- District and State users also have the following reports:
 - Organization/POC Listing
 - User Listing
- All reports will open in a new browser window or tab.
- General guidance for working with reports is available by clicking the **Report Help** button

FFAVORS Reports

Orders

[Place a New Order](#)
[Modify Pending Order](#)
[Edit Receipts](#)
[View an Order](#)
[Current Fund Balances](#)
[Product News Flashes](#)
[Email Account Specialist](#)

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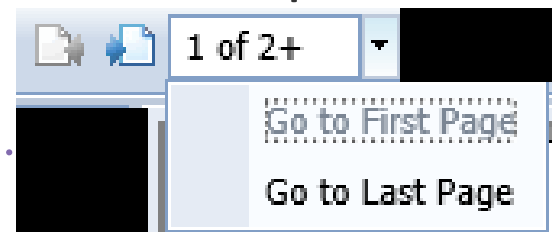
In the Customer Homepage,
select the specific **Report** link
under the 'Reports' menu.

FFAVORS Reports


- Controls for working with reports are located at the top left side of the report window.



- The following navigation options are available:
 - Use **Go to Previous Page** or **Go to Next Page** buttons.
 - Enter a page number in the Page Navigation field to display a specific part of the report.
 - Click on the dropdown arrow to select links options for **Go to First Page** or **Go to Last Page**.



FFAVORS Reports

- To change the size of the displayed area, enter a value or use the dropdown options for the **Zoom** field.
- To save a copy of a report to your computer, use the **Export this report** button. 

50% 400% 300% 200% 150% 125% 100%

SAMPLE DATA

Program	Customer code	Customer name	Order Number	Order date	Delivery date	Receipt Date	Item Code	Item Description	Source of Supply	State of Origin	Bill Price	Total DV	Total Lbs
NSLP	YMD477	JOHN HUMBI RD ELEMENTARY SNACK	F16165000010	2016/06/13	2016/06/20	2016/09/13	16W36	ALFALFA SPROUT 12/4 OZ PG	CONUS		3.66	36.60	30
NSLP	YMD477	JOHN HUMBI RD ELEMENTARY SNACK	F16165000010	2016/06/13	2016/06/20	2016/09/13	18B14	CABBAGE FRESH CHINESE WON BOK 5 LB CS	CONUS		3.66	36.60	50
NSLP	YMD477	JOHN HUMBI RD ELEMENTARY SNACK	F16165000010	2016/06/13	2016/06/20	2016/09/13	16D49	ONION GRN US#1 5 LB CS	CONUS		3.66	36.60	50
NSLP	YMD477	JOHN HUMBI RD ELEMENTARY SNACK	F16165000010	2016/06/13	2016/06/20	2016/09/13	18C75	RUTABAGA FRESH WAXED 50 LB CASE	CONUS		3.66	36.60	500
NSLP	YMD477	JOHN HUMBI RD ELEMENTARY SNACK	F16165000010	2016/06/13	2016/06/20	2016/09/13	19F45	WALNUTS HALVES 5 LB BG	CONUS		3.66	36.60	50
NSLP	YMD477	JOHN HUMBI RD ELEMENTARY SNACK	F16165000010	2016/06/13	2016/06/20	2016/09/13	16D11	CARROT&DIP CHL W/BRANCH 36/2.25 OZ PG	CONUS	DC	2.52	63.00	125
NSLP	YMD477	JOHN HUMBI RD ELEMENTARY SNACK	F16166000003	2016/06/14	2016/06/22	2016/09/13	16W36	ALFALFA SPROUT 12/4 OZ PG	CONUS		3.66	25.62	21
NSLP	YMD477	JOHN HUMBI RD ELEMENTARY SNACK	F16166000003	2016/06/14	2016/06/22	2016/09/13	16W36	ALFALFA SPROUT 12/4 OZ PG	CONUS		3.84	26.88	35
NSLP	YMD477	JOHN HUMBI RD ELEMENTARY SNACK	F16166000003	2016/06/14	2016/06/22	2016/09/13	16W36	ALFALFA SPROUT 12/4 OZ PG	CONUS		1.71	11.97	280
NSLP	YMD477	JOHN HUMBI RD ELEMENTARY SNACK	F16166000003	2016/06/14	2016/06/22	2016/09/13	16W36	ALFALFA SPROUT 12/4 OZ PG	CONUS		3.43	24.01	35
NSLP	YMD477	JOHN HUMBI RD ELEMENTARY SNACK	F16166000001	2016/06/14	2016/06/22	2016/09/13	16W36	ALFALFA SPROUT 12/4 OZ PG	CONUS		3.66	14.64	12
NSLP	YMD477	JOHN HUMBI RD ELEMENTARY SNACK	F16166000001	2016/06/14	2016/06/22	2016/09/13	16W36	ALFALFA SPROUT 12/4 OZ PG	CONUS		3.84	19.20	25
NSLP	YMD477	JOHN HUMBI RD ELEMENTARY SNACK	F16166000001	2016/06/14	2016/06/22	2016/07/29	17J19	ALMONDS WHL 5 LB BG	CONUS		3.43	17.15	25
NSLP	YMD477	JOHN HUMBI RD ELEMENTARY SNACK	F16166000001	2016/06/14	2016/06/22	2016/07/29	14P01	APPLE ANY TYPE USF/XF 100-113 1/40 LB CS	CONUS		1.71	8.55	200
NSLP	YMD477	JOHN HUMBI RD ELEMENTARY SNACK	F16166000001	2016/06/14	2016/06/22	2016/07/29	14M49	APPLE CHL FUGI SL 4/10 LB BG	CONUS		3.30	16.50	200
NSLP	YMD477	JOHN HUMBI RD ELEMENTARY SNACK	F16166000001	2016/06/14	2016/06/22	2016/07/29	14179	PINEAPPLE DRIED, 100/2 OZ PG	CONUS		3.32	32.20	130
NSLP	YMD477	JOHN HUMBI RD ELEMENTARY SNACK	F16166000001	2016/06/14	2016/06/22	2016/07/29	15D58	POTATES WHITE CHL WHL PEEL 1/10 LB CS	CONUS		2.30	11.50	50
SFSP	YMD485	SS-CALDWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	F16165000012	2016/06/13	2016/06/17		16W36	ALFALFA SPROUT 12/4 OZ PG	CONUS		3.66	21.96	18
SFSP	YMD485	SS-CALDWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	F16165000012	2016/06/13	2016/06/17		19F39	ALMONDS SLIVERED 5 LB BG	CONUS		3.84	23.04	30
SFSP	YMD485	SS-CALDWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	F16165000012	2016/06/13	2016/06/17		17J19	ALMONDS WHL 5 LB BG	CONUS		3.43	20.58	30

Note: Printing is not available directly from the online report interface even though there is a button for this. Print reports from the computer after they are saved.



Who to Contact

Program Activity	Contact
USDA DoD Fresh Allocation Requests can be requested on September 16, December 16, March 16, and April 15 SFA submit requests to SDA, SDA submits request to FNS	USDADoDFresh@usda.gov
Report issues: (Produce quality, availability, and delivery issues)	Vendor, DLA Representative, and State Distributing Agency
Request to add new produce item	Vendor, DLA Representative, and State Distributing Agency
SFA submit request to add site to FFAVORS to SDA, SDA enters site in FFAVORS	For assistance: USDADoDFresh@usda.gov
Add FFAVORS user or update FFAVORS user point of contact information	DLA Representative
FFAVORS Log-In Issues, eAuthentication Process	FFAVORS@usda.gov
Recurring USDA DoD Fresh Issues	USDADoDFresh@usda.gov

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Resources

- **FFAVORS Customer Ordering Manual**

https://ffavors.fns.usda.gov/ffavors_web/usdaproduce/Customer%20User%20Manual.pdf

- **USDA DoD Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program website:**

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/dod-fresh-fruit-and-vegetable-program>

- **USDA & DLA Partnering for a Healthy Future video:**

<https://youtu.be/FsV949uEJpo>

- **USDA DoD Fresh Infographic**

<https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/fdd/infographic-dod-fresh.pdf>

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