<u>DoD Fresh Produce Program</u> Timeline for School Year 2024-25

Basics of the Program Using USDA Foods Entitlement Dollars

- 1. **February 2024**: All School Food Authorities (SFA's) will receive the annual order information regarding details of the program.
- 2. **February 12, 2024 February 29, 2024**: SFA's will enter entitlement dollar commitments on their annual order.
- 3. April 2024: Participating agencies entitlement dollar commitments will be entered into DoD's web-based Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Order Receipts System (FFAVORS). If your agency is new in the program, please email the following information to Antonio.ante@dpi.wi.gov:

School name:

Full Delivery Address:

Name of ordering person:

Phone:

Email:

- 4. After **September 1, 2024**; SFA's that allocated to DoD during the annual ordering period may begin to place fresh fruit and vegetable orders through FFAVORS.
- 5. For every order placed through DoD using entitlement dollars, the DoD web-based ordering system FFAVORS will maintain a "checkbook balance" and provide details on the total dollars allocated, spent and remaining funds.
- 6. For every order placed through DoD using entitlement dollars, the invoice is sent to and paid directly by USDA (i.e. you will not be invoiced for the produce).
- 7. In **December 2024**, DPI will assess the entitlement expenditures for all participating agencies. DPI will send a reminder email notice to SFAs that have significant balances, little activity and/or non-activity. **Please Note: The commitment of entitlement dollars to this program is a yearly commitment. Any unused entitlement dollars will be lost at the end of the school year.**
- 8. In March 2025, DPI will again assess the entitlement expenditures for all participating agencies. DPI reserves the right to re-allocate entitlement commitment from SFAs that have significant balances, little activity and/or non-activity. DPI will notify affected agencies regarding the re-allocation and will re-distribute accumulated funds to interested SFAs on a fair-share basis, by end of April 2025.

For program information, please contact Dino Ante, 608.267.4599, antonio.ante@dpi.wi.gov



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