

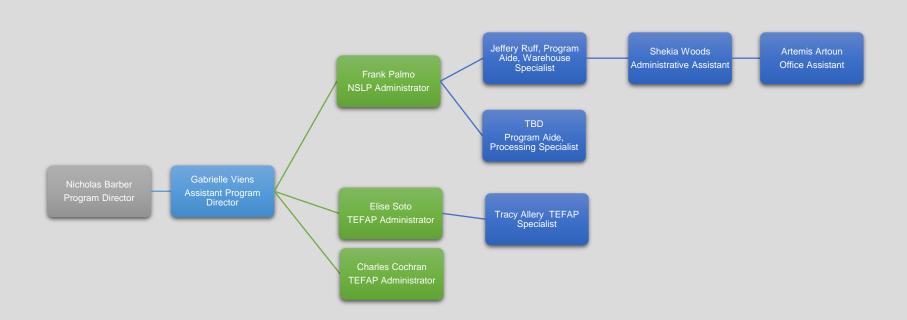
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# OGS Food Distribution USDA Foods in Schools

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## **OGS Food Distribution Staff**





## **OGS Food Distribution**

- Facilitate the ordering, processing, and storage of USDA Foods.
- Your contact for:
  - USDA Entitlement
  - USDA Foods
    - USDA Direct Delivery (Brown Box)
    - USDA Direct Diversion (Processing)
    - USDA DoD Fresh (DoD)
    - USDA Pilot Project for Unprocessed Fruits & Vegetables (Pilot)



### What is USDA Entitlement?

- A dollar (\$) value allocated to schools each school year
  - Calculated value
  - Cannot be carried over school year to school year
  - How is it calculated?

Entitlement = Total Lunches served (TLS) \* Effective Meal Rate per Lunch

#### Example:

If your TLS is 270,000 and the Effective Meal Rate is .365 cents, then your entitlement is \$106,920



# What Can Your Request with USDA Entitlement?

- USDA Direct Delivery (Brown Box)
  - Procured end-products such as Applesauce Cups, Mixed Fruit #10 Cans, Frozen Broccoli
- USDA Direct Diversion (Processing)
  - Bulk Pounds for further processing (procurement required), such as whole turkeys, raw peanuts, potatoes
- USDA DoD Fresh (DoD)
  - Fresh fruits and vegetables
- USDA Pilot Project for Unprocessed Fruits and Vegetables (Pilot)
  - Fresh fruits and vegetables



## Direct Delivery (Brown Box)

- Procured End Products
- USDA offers around 140 end products; NYS cannot order them all
- Food Preference Survey Top 30 items
- Ordering criteria
- Full truck of single product
- Limited delivery periods
- No more than 3 stops, quarter truckload per stop
- OGS Contracted Distributors
- 60 days to receive distributions



## **Direct Diversion (Processing)**

- New York State allows
- Fee for service (FFS) Paying for the service to process the food
- Net Off Invoice (NOI) Paying the fee for service and the distributors delivery fee. You are then discounted the value of the USDA Foods bulk pounds.
- Schools must monitor their usage on Processor Link or K12 Food Service
- Pounds do not roll over school year to school year
- Test the product commercially before Diverting
- Use 10% of pounds per month
- If usage of is not at 40% by January, we will bring you to 40%
- For poultry, plan to use the whole bird (white and dark meats)
- Use the Direct Diversion Worksheet







## K12 & ProcessorLink

- View Balances
- Orders
- Credits
- Training
  - OGS is hosting trainings with K12 and ProcessorLink
    - K12
      - November 7, 2023, 10:30 am to 11:30 am
      - November 8, 2023, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
    - ProcessorLink
      - November 7, 2023, 10:30 am to 11:30 am
      - November 9, 2023, 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Register by November 6, 2023, to Secure Your Virtual Seat!



### What is WBSCM?

- WBSCM is the Web Based Supply Chain Management system
  - Used for ordering USDA Direct Delivery and Direct Diversion
  - Managing your orders and USDA Entitlement
  - Obtaining the value of your USDA Foods
  - Viewing reports





# USDA DoD Fresh Program (DoD)

- Food Distribution administers NYS DoD Entitlement.
- Orders are made through the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Order Receipt System (FFAVORS) website
- Weekly catalog of available items.
- Minimum delivery amount of \$150 required
- Produce is procured by the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) and delivered to your school by contracted vendors
- Currently available to all schools participating in NSLP in New York under three contract areas: Southern, Eastern covered by Gargiulo and Western covered by Latina



# USDA DoD Fresh Program (DoD) Continued

- USDA DoD Fresh is free flowing. This means that USDA Entitlement can be increased and decreased anytime throughout the year.
  - Increases and Decreases can be requested via the USDA DoD Fresh Survey on our website: <a href="https://ogs.ny.gov/usda-food-distribution">https://ogs.ny.gov/usda-food-distribution</a>

- Produce Complaints and Vendor Feedback
  - Complaints about the quality of produce received should be communicated (with pictures) directly with the vendor and 'cc' <a href="mailto:ogsdonatedfoods@ogs.nv.gov">ogsdonatedfoods@ogs.nv.gov</a>.
  - USDA DoD Fresh Vendor Feedback can be shared with our office via the USDA DoD Fresh Vendor Feedback Survey: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DoDVendorFeedback">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DoDVendorFeedback</a>



Submit USDA DoD Fresh Changes



# USDA Pilot Project for Unprocessed Fruits & Vegetables (Pilot)

- Procured by the school
- Orders must be tracked by the school
- OGS Food Distribution does provide a tracker that schools may choose to use.
- New York State is capped at \$3.5 million
- Set asides for 2023-2024 SY have not exceeded the cap



## **Assessment Fees**

- SY2022-2023 Assessment fee is calculated to be \$3.17 per case.
- Program costs are recovered through the assessment fee
- About 75% of our program costs are for warehousing and distribution
- Schools have not been charged an assessment fee since SY2014-2015
- OGS Food Distribution and NY State Education has covered these cost

OGS Food Distribution Expenses: \$3,929,874

OGS Food Distribution SAE: \$1,239,361 (OGS USDA SAE Funds)

NSLP Assessment Fee: \$2,690,513 (Paid for by NY State

**Education**)

Balance Billed to Schools: \$0



# School Lunch Advisory Council (SLAC)

 School Lunch Advisory Council (SLAC) chaired by the Office of General Services (OGS) Division of Food Distribution, meets quarterly to address concerns, discuss improvement opportunities, successes, and share knowledge regarding the school lunch program in New York State.

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Several school lunch directors, NYS OGS, State Education
 Department, USDA, NYC Board of Education and the NYS School
 Nutrition Association are all part of the Council. The Council's goal is
 to provide the groundwork for program improvements at the local,
 state and federal levels, thus enhancing the school lunch experience
 for the state's children.



# Who is my SLAC Representative?

Area A Scott <u>Ziobrowski</u>	Area J Colleen Wise	
Area C Heather Myers	Area K Alessandro Palumbo	
Area D Bryan McCoy	Area L Geoffrey Fasy	
Area E Robert Johnson	NYC Anne O'Donnell	
Area F Brian Mitchell	Direct Ship Rep. Ruth O'Connor	
Area G Lyn Prestia		



# What is a USDA Commodity Complaint?



NEW YORK STATE OF OPPORTUNITY. Office of General Services Food Distribution  USDA Commodity Complaint Form				
Recipient Agency (RA) Name			RA Code	
RA Street Address		City	Zip Code	
RA Contact Name	Email	Ph	ione	
Vendor Name		Commodity Name and Code (Material Name and Code)		

- When should I submit a commodity complaint?
  - Commodity does not meet your expectations
  - Feed back about quality
  - This is the official complaint channel
- Found on the OGS Food Distribution Website (https://ogs.ny.gov/usda-food-distribution)



## **Questions?**



OGSDonatedFoods@OGS.ny.gov or call 518-474-5122

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m



### Timeline of USDA Foods

#### July

- •School Year begins July 1 and continues through June 30 of the following year.
- •For 12 months schools DoD & Pilot begin, SFSP runs from July 1 September 30.

#### August

- •Run a Requisition Status Report for USDA Foods
- •Distributors email yearly delivery schedules to schools for the current school year
- •Update OGS by email any changes with staff and/or contact information
- Schools should check K12 and ProcessorLink to make sure all pounds and listed distributors are correct

#### Sept & October

- •Run an WBSCM Entitlement/Bonus Summary Report to view current school year entitlement
- •Run a Requisition Status Report for USDA Foods & compare Requisition Status Report with distributor report
- •School Nutrition Association Regional Industry Seminars (Rochester & Saratoga)



## Timeline of USDA Foods

# November & December

- Attend a NYSNA Regional Industry Seminar
- Double check K12 and ProcessorLink. Are pounds are being drawn down correctly?
- Procure processors for your next school year
- Voluntary Sweep of pounds

#### **January**

- Food Preference Survey
- •40% Sweep
- •Run WBSCM Requisition Status Report to compare with distributor report

# February & March

- Order Direct Delivery and Diversion for next school year
- •Run WBSCM Requisition Status Report to compare with distributor report



### Timeline of USDA Foods

#### **April**

- Prepare to take delivery of all your remaining USDA Foods from your distributor. Request final redistributions by redistribution deadline
- Run WBSCM Requisition Status Report to compare with distributor report

#### May

- Finalize delivery of remaining USDA Foods from distributor
- Run WBSCM Requisition Status Report to compare with distributor report

#### June

- USDA Foods must be delivered to your school by the beginning of June
- Send Value of Commodities Received Report to your business office
- Assessment Fee information will be gathered and emailed to schools in July.

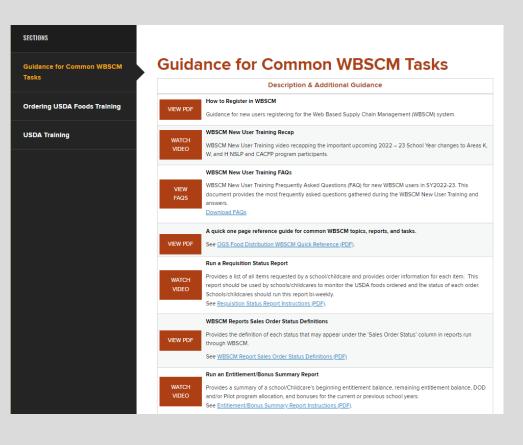


### Resources

- OGS Food Distribution Website <a href="https://ogs.ny.gov/usda-food-distribution">https://ogs.ny.gov/usda-food-distribution</a>
- Web-based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) <a href="https://www.usda.gov/topics/food-and-nutrition/web-based-supply-chain-management">https://www.usda.gov/topics/food-and-nutrition/web-based-supply-chain-management</a>
- FFAVORS <a href="https://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/fresh-fruits-and-vegetables-order-receipt-system-ffavors">https://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/fresh-fruits-and-vegetables-order-receipt-system-ffavors</a>
- K12 Foodservice <a href="http://private.k12foodservice.com/">http://private.k12foodservice.com/</a>
- ProcessorLink <a href="https://processorlink.com/LoginForm.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f">https://processorlink.com/LoginForm.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f</a>
- USDA Website <a href="https://www.fns.usda.gov/usda-fis/usda-foods-schools">https://www.fns.usda.gov/usda-fis/usda-foods-schools</a>
- School Nutrition Association Websites
- <a href="https://schoolnutrition.org/">https://schoolnutrition.org/</a> (National Branch)
- <a href="https://www.nyschoolnutrition.org/">https://www.nyschoolnutrition.org/</a> (New York State School Nutrition Association)
- Institute for Child Nutrition (ICN)\*\* <a href="https://theicn.org/">https://theicn.org/</a>
- American Commodity Distribution Association (ACDA)\*\*
   <a href="http://www.commodityfoods.org/">http://www.commodityfoods.org/</a>
  - \*\* Note: ICN and ACDA offer CEU eligible training.



## **Training**



- New Training & Resources section on the OGS Food Distribution Website!
- New short training videos, guides, FAQs, and reference materials
- Examples of Current Training Provided:
  - Registration in WBSCM
  - Running Reports in WBSCM
  - Food Preference Survey Training
  - Ordering USDA Foods & Ordering Worksheets
  - WBSCM Sales Order Status Definitions
  - How to Request a Redistribution
- We are available for one-on-one training (virtual or in-person)