



United States Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service Commodity Procurement Program



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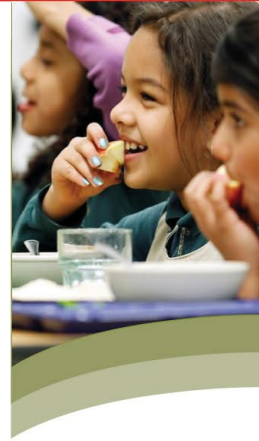
- Section 32 Purchases





History

- Section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to use these funds for commodity purchases, entitlement purchases and disaster assistance
- Section 32 funds are an appropriation of annual U.S. customs receipts



Purpose of USDA Section 32 Purchases

- Help alleviate markets experiencing an oversupply situation.
 - USDA justification is to purchase relatively inexpensive and nutritious fruits/vegetables in consumer-friendly form suitable for use in domestic food assistance programs, including charitable institutions.
- USDA is here to help but this is not a long-term solution
 - If there is constant over-supply, low prices are the way that the market is telling growers to produce less

How to Submit a Request for a Section 32 Purchase

- A representative of the industry submits a written request to USDA asking for a Section 32 purchase
- A written request can be as simple or as detailed as the industry prefers
 - However, the more information the industry is able to provide the better as this strengthens the case for why USDA should take action
- Please include in the request the dollar amount the industry would like the USDA to purchase

• Data Used for Analysis

- Production Levels
 - Grower Prices
 - Wholesale Prices
 - Imports and Exports
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- Data is typically compared to the previous year and to the three or five-year average when appropriate





• Data Sources

- National Agricultural Statistic Service
- Economic Research Service
- Global Agricultural Trade System
 - Foreign Agricultural Service
- **Any information the industry can provide with the purchase request is greatly appreciated and can help justify USDA action**