

#### Food and Nutrition Service Overview

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### USDA Food Assistance Programs Growing

- Nearly \$1 billion in CCC purchased in FY23 and another nearly \$1 billion just announced for FY24
- Over \$600M approved in Section 32 so far in FY23
  - About \$250M for LPF
- Estimated \$450M in TEFAP purchases
  - About \$120M for LPF
  - Over \$100M for DGO
- Another approximately \$200M for CSFP and FDPIR
  - Over \$30M for LPF
  - Over \$65M for DGO



## Communication is Key

- Product Availability
- Logistics Constraints
- Solicitation Schedule
- Timely Delivery
- Shipping and Receiving



#### **USDA** Foods Database

USDA Foods Database leverages GS1 Global Data Synchronization Network (GDSN®) to make nutrition, allergen, and ingredient information available for USDA Foods products for National School Lunch Program (NSLP) participants.

https://www.fns.usda.gov/usda-fis/usda-foods-database



### **USDA** Foods Nutrition Profiles

- USDA Foods offers a wide variety of lower sodium, sugar and fat options to support schools in serving meals that meet the nutritional requirements
- All vegetables and beans offered through USDA Foods are lowsodium or no salt added
- Meats, fish, and cheese have sodium formulations equal to or lower than commercial standards
- USDA Foods canned fruits are in extra light syrup or water
- Specifications for USDA Foods processed end products are determined by school districts during the bid process

# Always Improving

- Better meet our customer demands
- Updating product specifications
- Adding new items
- Aligning offerings to meet availability and needs
- Staying up to date on changing recipient and industry needs.