



Steve Troxler, Commissioner of Agriculture

## **NCD&CS Food Distribution Monthly E-Notification**

**April 2013**

- New Assistant Warehouse Manager / Butner, NC: Ken Jackson
- Sequestration Updates and NCECOS Ordering Updates: Gary Gay
- Farm To School Updates: Ted Fogleman
- NC ECOS System Enhancements: Bob Sitton
- BOB'S List: Bob Sitton
- Summer Feeding: Bob Sitton

## **New Assistant Warehouse Manager / Butner NC Food Distribution: Ken Jackson**

Ken has now taken responsibility for developing delivery loads with food we have in stock.

Ken works under the direction of Butner Warehouse Manager, Walter Beal.

Ken works directly with the NCDA&CS Food Distribution staff that loads your commodities, as well as the truck drivers that deliver.

His goal is to get you your product, soon after receipt. Once a truck route is developed, Ken will send you a delivery invoice via email. Please note the delivery date and time, and how your delivery is coded:

1. Dry (BROWN BOX), 2. cooler (Produce – Cheese) or 3. Frozen.

If changes are needed, please call Ken ASAP, as we load trucks well in advance.

If you want to add on more contacts for email delivery notices, Ken can help!

We are here to help, so give us a call.



Ken Jackson

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Sequestration will affect Section 32 Funds of the National School Lunch Program. Section 32 Funds are used to purchase USDA Commodities. We expect a minimal impact from this.

Reminder: The NC ECOS Catalog is open for ordering for the 2013-14 school year. Deadline for getting your orders in are April 24 and May 1, 2013. Check the NC ECOS Home Page for new items and items not available for next year.

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- Farm-to-School sales have now exceed \$1,000,000 in School Year 2012-13.
- Jumbo sweet potatoes will be delivered the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Take the Farm-to-School Census survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F2S> or call the F2S Census Help Line 888-633-8345 for assistance. The deadline is May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- NC-ECOS alert will be sent to begin placing orders for strawberries, blueberries, and romaine lettuce. Visit [www.ncfarmtoschool.com](http://www.ncfarmtoschool.com) to learn more about the program.

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- Under Reports, before starting order; “Entitlement/Bonus Status Detail by Material Report”.
- Commodity fact sheets at your fingertips in the catalog.
- Update cart anytime to see running totals spent and remaining.
- View all active users within your organization.
- Be sure to look for the “Thank You” after submitting requisition. No thank you message means the order was not submitted.
- Two NC ECOS submitted order period deadlines: April 24, & May 1, 2013.
- You will see the respective products due by each date once you view the product catalog.

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- View Bob's List from our web-page, click under Food Distribution Highlights.  
<http://www.ncagr.gov/fooddist/Highlights/BobList.htm>
  - Feel free to visit often as changes are made weekly.
  - Please send us any commodity foods that are slow moving in your facility using the form in Bob's List.
  - Bob's List is also used to inform you of NCDA&CS Surplus.
  - To request commodity foods simply send an email to Bob or David Usher with your request.  
Remember, if yes is marked in the entitlement column, you must have entitlement dollars available.  
If no is marked, it is a "freebie".
  - All items on the list are first-come first-served basis.
  - 2013-2014 Meal Reimbursement Rate was projected to start at .2275 for the year.
  - The 12% rule (Richard B. Russell Act) has been added up front this year.
  - The reimbursement rate is .2725, highest in years.
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- Email flyer sent out on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.
- Complete the information and send back to us.
- This year, Summer Feeding Orders will be ordered through NC-ECOS.
- Due to budget limitations, we will have two trucks of #110233 Mixed Fruit available for SFP.

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