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**NC Farm to School Calendar SY 2013-2014**

Week of October 6, 2013	Apples, Kale, Collards
Week of October 20, 2013	Apples, Broccoli, Romaine, Sweet Potatoes
Week of November 3, 2013	Broccoli Crowns, Cabbage, Collards, Romaine
Week of November 17, 2013	Sweet Potatoes, Apples, Broccoli
Week of December 1, 2013	Sweet Potatoes
Week of December 8, 2013	Cabbage, Broccoli Crowns, Collards, Romaine, Apple Slices
Week of January 5, 2014	Collards, Cabbage, Apple Slices, Sweet Potatoes
Week of January 26, 2014	Apples, Sweet Potatoes
Week of February 9, 2014	Kale, Apples Slices, Collards
Week of February 23, 2014	Sweet Potatoes, Apple Slices
Week of March 9, 2014	Apple Slices
Week of March 23, 2014	Apple Slices, Sweet Potatoes
Week of April 6, 2014	Kale, Collards
Week of April 27, 2014	Strawberries, Romaine
Week of May 4, 2014	Strawberries, Romaine
Week of May 11, 2014	Strawberries, Romaine
Week of May 18, 2014	Strawberries, Blueberries

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**FARM TO SCHOOL PRODUCE TOTALS**  
**September 2013**

<u>PRODUCE ITEM</u>					<u>GRAND TOTAL CASES FOR MONTH</u>
Apples					1024
Asian Pears					1128*
Collards					194
Cucumbers					115 *
Grape Tom (bagged)					325 *
Grape Tom (Clamshell)					177
Kale					159
Slice Tomatoes					230
Squash					262
Sweet Potatoes					682
Zucchini					234
<b><u>TOTALS:</u></b>					4,530 cases

\* Unable to meet demand due to weather conditions in Western NC

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This year, we requested delivery of each USDA Food item based upon your request dates you choose in NC-ECOS as you placed your requisitions. As a result the bulk of the deliveries fell in September and October.

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, we have seen 69 tractor trailer loads of USDA Foods, with another 15 yet to be scheduled.

October is the big month for deliveries. While some already have delivery appointments, we are expecting 140 trucks by October 15, with approximately 35 more before October 31.

If you are in need of a USDA Food item and not yet received it from us, please call us to see if it has come in, before you purchase it. We will do our very best to get your requested items to you as soon as possible after they arrive.

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Bob's List has been recently updated.

We have added Pancakes, Great Northern Beans, Peanut Butter, Green Peas, and Pork Roast Leg.

Be sure to check Bob's List periodically, and feel free to complete the form and email in if you have slow moving USDA Foods you would like added to the list.

You will find the list at <http://www.ncagr.gov/fooddist/Highlights/BobList.htm>

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**March Across Carolina**

Mark those calendars for November 6 -7, 2013. Also make note we are reversing this year with Hickory Metro Convention Center being first on November 6 and The Expo Building at the State Fairgrounds on November 7.

**“Making Your USDA Entitlement Dollars Work for You”**

Is your center of the plate item a USDA commodity food item or a purchased item?

How do you spend your entitlement dollars and why? Is a PAL just a good friend? ;-)

Be sure to join us for training and discussion during our March Across Carolina training session, on “Making Your USDA Entitlement Dollars Work for You”.

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As you have seen in recent email messages from Gary, the State's entitlement was reduced mid August due to the drop in meal participation last school year, resulting in 3 million dollar shortfall.

We will carry this shortfall over to next year and take off from beginning entitlements per district. This will be the least painful and most fair way to go about making up the difference. We are hopeful that by the end of the school year, this will be a much smaller gap.

Several factors come into play such as product cancellations, and other states under spending. Those remaining funds will be shared by all states currently over spent. Stay tuned, as this situation changes just about every day or two.

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We are implementing a new USDA Commodity Training Program for the 2013-14 school year. Listed below you will see the dates and locations of the training. We will continue to have our New Director and Supervisor Training in Butner, which is focused on new directors and supervisors. We are adding this year training for all directors and staff. This training module is focused on covering the general aspects of the USDA commodity program and as well provides a refresher course on the commodity program. The USDA Commodity Program continues to change and evolve from year to year and we felt that training was needed to help directors and supervisors understand the program. The training for New Directors & Supervisors is different from the training that we will conduct for Directors & Supervisors.

February 19-20, 2014

New Director & Supervisor Training (This is directed to new directors and supervisors)

Butner, NC

March 19, 2014

Director & Supervisor Training: ( This is for directors and supervisors in Beth Frith's area)

Virginia Boone Center, WNC

Fletcher, NC

March 26, 2014

Director & Supervisor Training: (This is for directors and supervisors in Amie Shinn's area)

Sheraton Four Seasons

Greensboro, NC

As you can see we are doing this by our Field Reps area, so we are keeping it to small groups. We are starting in the west and moving east. We have not nailed down our dates and places for our last two areas but we will notify everyone when that is done. More information will follow as the dates get closer. Our staff looks forward to working with you on this training.

We are very proud of Mike Dean for being selected as “Employee of the Month”. Mike has worked at NCDA & CS Food Distribution warehouse in Butner, NC for over 28 years. He is a Stock Clerk and he takes pride in everything he does. Mike does a great job and he has an unbelievable level of knowledge of the commodities that we ship and of the recipient agencies that we serve. He is very accurate in his work and is very deserving of this award.



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