



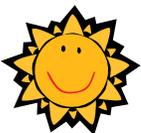
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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Gary Gay



What a year this has been. I believe it is safe to say that we have never faced a year quite like this before. The USDA commodity program has seen a tremendous increase in available foods this year. We have seen a large influx of Bonus commodities for the schools, but our household programs have seen phenomenal increases in USDA commodity products. We are receiving record volumes of commodities that are going to food banks, soup kitchens and food pantries. With high unemployment rates in North Carolina, it is good USDA is providing food to people in need.

The difficulty for all of us is that our budgets have been cut and we must now find a way to continue services. I know all of us are facing economic challenges and we will find ways to do more with less. I believe next year will be another year of twists and turns.

Get ready for Web Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM).



COMMODITY OUTLOOK

USDA Commodity Update

A lot has been happening in the world of USDA commodities. Let me bring you up to speed starting with the beginning of school. As last year, USDA has again asked us to move 30% of your commodity deliveries out until November 15, 2009. So orders that were scheduled from August 1 through November 15, 2009, 30% of them were moved to be received after November 15th. This is due to USDA having insufficient funds to cover all of the commodity purchases for the beginning of school.

The next big topic of interest is Bonus commodities. You will see many items listed and as the year progresses we expect more to be added. The big surprise is that USDA is again stockpiling non-fat dry milk; this is due to USDA support of dairy farmers. In return for the non-fat dry milk, USDA has purchased cheddar and mozzarella cheese. As you can see from the list USDA is supporting farming interests.

The last thing I want to mention is the upcoming transition from ECOS to Web Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) which is scheduled to take place December 2009.

Bonus Commodities Anticipated for the 2009-10 School Year

Frz. Apricots
Apricots
Applesauce
Walnuts
UHT Milk
Turkey Roast

Apricot Cups
Diced Apricots
Pork Roast
IQF Cherries
Cheese
Non Fat Dry Milk

Dried Cherries
Sliced Apples
Northern Beans
Frz. Blueberries
Deli Turkey

Recap of Bonus Commodities Received in 2008-09 School Year

Cherries IQF	Pear Halves	Green Beans
Carrots	Sweet Potatoes	Peas
Potatoes Bulk	Diced Tomatoes	Spaghetti Sauce
Frz. Strawberries	Peach Cups	Sliced Apples
Veg. Beans	Applesauce	Raisins
Black Eye Peas	Salsa	Chix Cut Up
Chix Chill	Pinto Beans	Lima Beans
Catfish Strips	OJ Singles	Trail Mix
Frz. Blueberries	Diced Apricots	Refried Beans



WEB BASED SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT (WBSCM)

The time is drawing near for all of us to start the transition from ECOS to WBSCM. We are beginning to see a bit of WBSCM program as USDA works to complete this project. We have put together a tentative training plan with emphasis on tentative because USDA has not rolled out the finished product to us. It appears that everything is going to happen between September 2009 and December 2009. USDA is telling us that our training will be in September 2009. Food Distribution will then finalize training for schools. Our thinking is to present training sessions on WBSCM at the 2009 DPI Fall Conference and our March Across Carolina in November. We hope that this will provide everyone an opportunity to take part in the training. USDA is planning to turn ECOS off December 15, 2009. WBSCM is scheduled to start December 31, 2009. If all goes as planned, when you return from the holiday break, you will start placing your 2010-11 commodity orders in WBSCM.



I have had many people ask me for my thoughts of WBSCM. While the software development is still on going, I am hopeful the lessons learned in ECOS will be similar to those we will learn in WBSCM. We do know commodity code numbers will be seven digits instead of the current three digits. There will be new issues for all of us to learn in WBSCM.

I and the Food Distribution staff look forward to working with you on this project.



SY 2009-2010 ESTIMATED COMMODITY ASSISTANCE RATE

Preliminary entitlement information for SY 2009-2010 has already been used in planning orders for the 2009/2010 school year (July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010). The **estimated** commodity assistance rate for SY 2010 happens to be the same as last year, which is 20.75 cents per lunch. Figures used to calculate this rate are from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and are based on the Producer Price Index. Information to calculate the **actual** rate will not be available until July, 2009. We will alert you once the actual commodity assistance rate is approved and published in the Federal Register.

For more information go to: <http://www.commodityfoods.usda.gov>

209 REPORTS



We hope you are finding that utilizing your 209 Report from the Food Distribution web page is beneficial. Plans are to continue to use this method of accessing the 209 Report. Food Distribution will send a reminder out prior to June 30, 2009 to request you print out your **year end 209 Report**. This report is important for school districts to have the proper year end figures for your auditor. If you have any difficulty with printing this report contact us right away.

NORTH CAROLINA FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

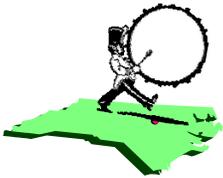
Food Distribution would like to thank all the school systems that participated in the “New NC Farm-to-School Program”. I say “new” because you were the ones that kept this program alive and viable for another year. For the first time since the inception of this program in 1997, schools did not use federal entitlement monies to purchase NC fruits and vegetables. You, the school systems of North Carolina purchased all produce from your operating funds. We know the hardships that child nutrition is going through and NCDA&CS can’t thank you enough for your support of this program, this state, and farmers of this state.

NC Farm-to-School Program set a new record for sales in 2008-09 totaling \$685,372. Again, thank you from our entire staff. We look forward to another great year in 2009-2010.

NCDA NC Farm to School totals for SY 2008-2009

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>CASES ORDERED</u>	<u>CASE PRICE</u>	<u>DOLLARS</u>
Aug 25 -Sept. 8, 2008	Seedless Watermelons	2,555	\$8.50	\$21,717.50
	Cantaloupes	2,431	\$13.00	\$31,603.00
	Slicing Tomatoes	1,159	\$9.75	\$11,300.25
	Grape Tomatoes	1,044	\$12.50	\$13,050.00
	Gala Apples	1,360	\$26.50	\$36,040.00
	Golden Delicious	1,233	\$26.50	\$32,674.50
Sept-Dec. 08	Jonagold Apples	675	\$26.50	\$17,887.50
	Red Delicious Apples	1,097	\$26.50	\$29,070.50
	Gala Apples	1,568	\$26.50	\$41,552.00
	Red Rome	963	\$24.50	\$23,593.50
	Pink Lady	1,891	\$26.50	\$50,111.50
Nov-Dec. 08	Broccoli Crowns	1,728	\$20.00	\$34,560.00
	Green Cabbage	1,967	\$4.50	\$8,851.50
	Red Cabbage	305	\$5.00	\$1,525.00
	Sweet Potatoes	2,101	\$16.50	\$34,666.50
			<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$388,203.25</u>
Jan-Mar. 09	Apple Slices	3,850	\$25.50	\$98,175.00
	Sweet Potato Sticks	627	\$21.60	\$13,543.20
Apr. 27,09	Strawberries	4,292	\$13.00	\$55,796.00
May 4, 2009	Strawberries	4,460	\$13.00	\$57,980.00
May 18, 2009	Strawberries	4,119	\$13.00	\$53,547.00
June 1, 2009	Blueberries	824	\$22.00	\$18,128.00
			<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$297,169.20</u>





2009 MARCH ACROSS CAROLINA

Note a location change for Raleigh

It is not too early to mark your calendars for the upcoming March Across Carolina. We will be marching from the coast to the mountains. Come hungry!
See schedule below:

Tuesday, November 3, 2009 - Riverfront Convention Center, New Bern, NC

Wednesday, November 4, 2009 - North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, NC

Thursday, November 5, 2009 - Hickory Metro Convention Center, Hickory, NC



CHILD NUTRITION RETIREE

From all of us at NCDA&CS Food Distribution Division, congratulations and know that we wish you the very best in your retirement. We thank you for your contributions and leadership in serving the students of your county.

Brenda Canady, Edgecombe County Schools, June 2009

NEW CHILD NUTRITION ADMINISTRATORS

Join us in welcoming these new CN Administrators to their new positions. We look forward to the opportunity to assist each one as they settle into their respective counties.

Jim Hill, Jackson County Schools

Frank Fiorella, Montgomery County Schools

Alison Francis, Haywood County Schools

Ruth McDowell, Edgecombe County Schools

If we have overlooked you in this edition, please contact us to ensure we have been notified of the change and we will see that you make the next edition of our newsletter.



ACRONYM LIST

ACDA	- American Commodity Distribution Association
AMS	- Agricultural Marketing Service
CND	- Child Nutrition Division
DoD	- Department of Defense
ECOS	- The Electronic Commodity Ordering System
FDA	- Food and Drug Administration
FDD	- Food Distribution Division
FNS	- Food and Nutrition Service
FFAVORS	- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Ordering and Receipt System
FSIS	- Food Safety and Inspection Service
SDA	- State Distributing Agency
SNA	- School Nutrition Association
SY	- School Year
USDA	- United States Department of Agriculture



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