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# SFSP USDA Foods Program

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# What are USDA Foods?

Foods that are purchased by the USDA from the American agricultural industry to support nutrition assistance programs.



# Using USDA Foods

USDA Foods may be used in the meal preparation of any meal service under SFSP.

# How is planned assistance level (PAL) funding determined for each sponsor?

Calculation is based on the number of reimbursable meals served in the previous school year.



# How to utilize USDA Foods

- Demand Ordering
- USDA Department of Defense Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (USDA DoD Fresh)

# USDA Foods Demand Ordering

USDA offers a wide variety of foods:

- Lower in sodium, fat, and added sugar
- Provide flexibility and versatility
- No competitive bid needed
- Surplus NSLP items offered





# Commodity Allocation Tracking System



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Agencies > Orders > Open Orders >

Program Year: 2019 - 2020

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## Order Form - NSLP

Agency:  
IRN:  
County:

### Delivery Information

Warehouse: Sysco Cleveland - New 7-2018

Delivery Type:

Delivery Location:

Contact:

Delivery Address:

Agency PO #:

Order Number(s):

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### Order

#### Bonus Commodities

Commodity	District Allocated	Order Quantity	Surplus Inventory	Surplus Order Quantity	60 Day Advanced Order	Total Order Quantity	Delivery Date
100206 - APPLE SLICES CAN-6/10 Pack Size: 6/#10 CAN / Cases / Facts USDA Entitlement Value: \$27.77  Processing Charge: \$0.00 S&H Charge: Total Charge per Unit: \$0.00	0	0	216	0	0	0	10/17/2019

# Order Form



# SFSP USDA Foods Orders



Order form opens in the CATS around May 10, 2024



Orders are due by May 23, 2024



USDA Foods are delivered to sponsors in June.

# Benefits of Demand Ordering



One June 2024 delivery



No shipping, handling, delivery or processing fees

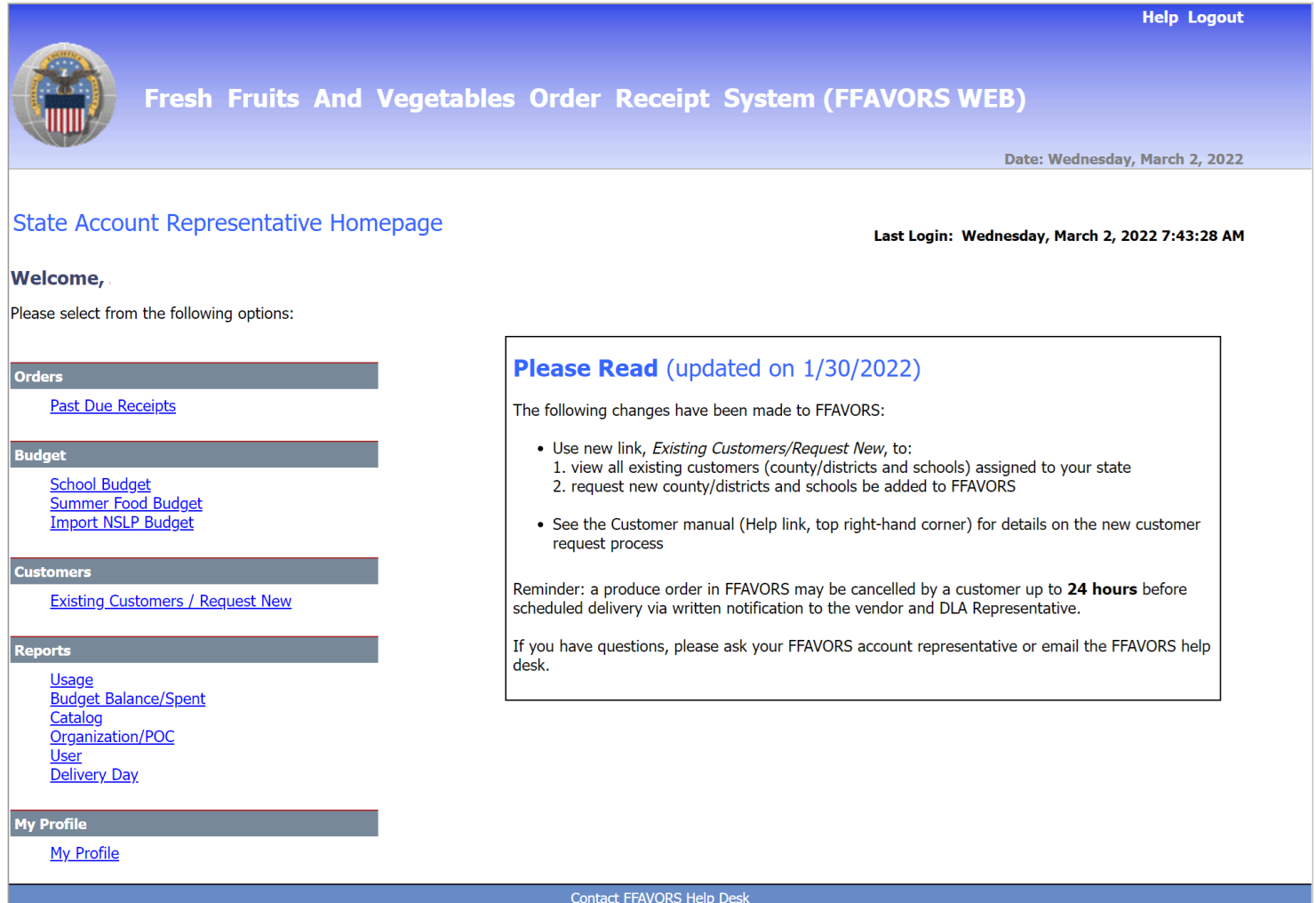
# The USDA Department of Defense Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (USDA DoD Fresh)

Provide the opportunity to  
allocate PAL dollars for  
ordering fresh fruit and  
vegetables.



# Where to Place Orders

- Access the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Order Receipt System (FFAVORS)
- Ordering catalogs updated weekly



The screenshot shows the FFAVORS WEB interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the text "Fresh Fruits And Vegetables Order Receipt System (FFAVORS WEB)" and "Help Logout" on the right. Below the header, the date "Date: Wednesday, March 2, 2022" is displayed. The main content area is titled "State Account Representative Homepage" and includes a "Last Login: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 7:43:28 AM" timestamp. A "Welcome," message is followed by the instruction "Please select from the following options:". There are five main menu categories: "Orders" (with a link to "Past Due Receipts"), "Budget" (with links to "School Budget", "Summer Food Budget", and "Import NSLP Budget"), "Customers" (with a link to "Existing Customers / Request New"), "Reports" (with links to "Usage", "Budget Balance/Spent", "Catalog", "Organization/POC", "User", and "Delivery Day"), and "My Profile" (with a link to "My Profile"). A prominent "Please Read (updated on 1/30/2022)" box contains a notice about changes to the system, including a new link for existing customers and a reminder about the 24-hour cancellation policy. At the bottom, there is a "Contact FFAVORS Help Desk" link.

Help Logout

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**My Profile**

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**Please Read (updated on 1/30/2022)**

The following changes have been made to FFAVORS:

- Use new link, *Existing Customers/Request New*, to:
  1. view all existing customers (county/districts and schools) assigned to your state
  2. request new county/districts and schools be added to FFAVORS
- See the Customer manual (Help link, top right-hand corner) for details on the new customer request process

Reminder: a produce order in FFAVORS may be cancelled by a customer up to **24 hours** before scheduled delivery via written notification to the vendor and DLA Representative.

If you have questions, please ask your FFAVORS account representative or email the FFAVORS help desk.

Contact FFAVORS Help Desk

# Benefits of the USDA DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Summer Pilot

- Offers a variety of regional, high-quality produce at no extra cost
- \$150 minimum order per delivery
- Weekly deliveries available
- September 30th deadline to spend FFAVORS funds



# SFSP FFAVORS Account Requirements

- Active FFAVORS account required for 2023 participation
- Submit account request for future year participation

# Now what?

- In the SFSP Sponsor Application
- #52 – check “yes” and in the box provide the name and address of commodity delivery site

52. Does this Sponsor wish to receive USDA foods/commodities? (Eligibility is determined by state agency.)  Yes  No

If yes, provide name and address of commodity delivery site.

## Deadline April 15, 2024





# QUESTIONS?

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