

Entitlement Food Dollars:

Formula for Entitlement:

Reimbursable lunches served
x USDA Food Assistance Rate
= Entitlement Value of Foods

- USDA Food Assistance Rate SY 2017-18 is .XX
- As you “shop”, there is a drawdown of your entitlement dollars.

Three Program Areas for Entitlement Spending:

(Refer to ESE’s Security Portal for further information)

- 1) **“Brown Box” or “Monthly Offer”** on the Security Portal – posted on the 4th Friday of the preceding month with orders due by the 3rd Friday of the month. *September 2017 Monthly offer will be posted Friday, August 25, 2017 with order due by Friday, September 22, 2017.*
 - Be sure to check your Entitlement Plan under USDA Food Orders - “Brown Box Survey” that was completed and submitted by your District. If “None” was checked for any product or no case count was entered, it will not be on *your* Offer Sheet.
- 2) **Diversion** – raw product sent to a processor to be made into alternative products. *e.g.,* Chicken into chicken stirfry.
 - Be sure to check your Entitlement Plan under USDA Food Orders – Diversion Survey - 2016-2017 Survey 1(Closed) for what, if any product, was diverted for SY 17-18. Check USDA Foods – Diversion Survey (Historical) for prior years.
 - Note: As we survey in SY 16-17 for the spending decisions for SY 17-18, the survey is called 2016-2017 Survey.
- 3) **Department of Defense (DoD) Fresh Program** – An annual entitlement dollar value of \$15,000 is needed to participate. See your Entitlement Plan under USDA Food Orders – DOD Fresh Commit.

Storage and Administrative Costs:

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE) has **a per case shipped from the state contracted warehouse**. Assessment Fee that is charged and deducted from the next claim reimbursement payment.

Current fees are:

- **Dry: \$2.41**
 - **Frozen/Refrigerated: \$2.90**
 - **Processed Products: \$2.50**
- **Note: effective 7/1/2017 all Processed Products will be shipped to and from Commercial Distributors, not state contracted warehouses.**
- **DOD Fresh is shipped from the DOD Vendor, not state contracted warehouses.**

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Delivery Costs:

Districts are responsible for arranging the delivery from the state contracted warehouse to the school. The district is billed by the transportation carrier directly and pays the transportation carrier directly.

There is a state contracted transportation carrier which schools can utilize. ESE oversees and monitors this contract. Rates are posted in the Document & Reference Library under the USDA Foods General Information section.

Schools can procure their own transportation carrier. The school oversees and monitors their own contract.

Warehouses will only load frozen and refrigerated products on vehicles that are equipped to transport frozen and refrigerated products.

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