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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
JASON E. GLASS, DIRECTOR

DATE: November, 2011
TO: Authorized Representative/Food Service Director
FROM: Dean Flaws/Jane Heikenen, Commodity Consultants
SUBJECT: **12D** (January) Release

PLEASE ROUTE TO FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR

1. **12D Order Form**. You will find the 4th Commodity Order form for the 2011-12 school year now available on the web. The 4th shipment of commodities 2011-2012 school year is being planned to start about January 13, depending on weather and other things that may come up. The delivery cycle takes approx. 5 weeks. ***Please Complete and return your orders By Tuesday, December 6th.***

2. **Internet Ordering** is available for 12D. Go to the Internet address: www.edinfo.state.ia.us, and enter your own ID and password on the screen. Then click the submit button. **CLICK** Commodities on the Application menu screen. Now you have two options: General Information or Commodity Order Form. Select Commodity Order Form and click the **GO** button. Instruction booklets and videos are available by calling this office. If you need help or forgot your ID and password please call Ellen Miller at 515-281-4542.

3. **Deletions for 12C:** Several items had to be deleted for this year's Nov/Dec. deliveries. USDA didn't purchase several items because of lack of inventory and/or high prices. We hope to be able to offer them on a future delivery. Items deleted for 12C were; Garbanzo Beans, Roasted Chicken, Diced Pears, Pork Seasoned Chunks, and Turkey Burgers. If you did not receive one of these products and you ordered it, you won't need to fill out a short/damaged form.

4. **USDA Foods Processing show** was held on Thursday, November 17th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for all foodservice directors and any others that wanted more information on NOI (Net Off Invoice) and the DOD program. The program was held at Prairie Meadows in Altoona. For those of you who came, we thank you and hope it was beneficial for you.

5. **If you have a new email address,** let us know and we will add you to our group "Commodity Club" email list.

Sincerely,

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12D Commodity orders are DUE: **Tuesday, December 6th.**