IOWA COMMODITY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Iowa DOE!

There have been some changes here at the Iowa Department of Education. Please help us welcome our two new USDA Foods Consultants Sarah White and Jill Stuecker. Sarah will be taking the place of Dean Flaws and Jill will be taking the place of Jane Heikenen.

Sarah White comes to us from a Science teaching background for the past 7 years. Sarah was most recently teaching at Woodward Academy, which is a juvenile delinquent treatment facility. Sarah received a master's degree in Education from Iowa State University in 2011.

Jill Stuecker has managed grant programs for the last 8 years, working with the refugee population throughout the state of Iowa. Jill has a master's degree in Public Administration and International Relations and lives in Des Moines with her husband and two young children.

We are excited to have them join our bureau and they look forward to working with you all in the future!

USDA Food Order 13D

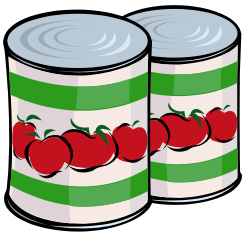
The fourth USDA Food order form will be available on the web **Monday, Nov 26th.** We are about a week ahead of schedule with the six food deliveries this school year. Because of that you will have two weeks to complete your 13D order. This means your order will be **Due: Dec 7th!** This order will tentatively begin shipping during the first few weeks of January.

2nd Annual USDA Foods Show

We hope you have registered and are planning to attend our second annual USDA Foods Show on November 27, 2012! The Show will start at 10:00 am with an agenda of speakers talking about the DOD and NOI food programs along with current changes in the lunch and breakfast menus.

The 2013 SFSP (Summer Food Service Program) will be presented along with a Q&A session with Dean and Jane and introductions of Sarah and Jill. This morning session will last until 11:30 am at which time the exhibit hall will be opened with many processors/vendors showing and sampling several of the products available for Iowa schools. The hall will be open until 2:00 pm at which time the program will come to a close. The event is being held at "The Meadows Events and Conference Center" in Altoona, Iowa.

13 C Order Deliveries



13 C orders will be delivered from November 15th through December 19th.

Due to late shipments of USDA foods to our warehouse a number of items had to be deleted from 13C orders. Refried Beans, Red Kidney Beans, Garbanzo Beans, and Mashed Sweet Potatoes were subtracted from your 13C orders. As of now, all the beans have come in and are available to order for 13D. The mashed sweet potatoes have been offered again as well, in hopes that they will be available in time for 13D deliveries.

Commodity Club Email List

Throughout the school year we will be sending out updates and information regarding USDA Foods and the six food distributions.

If you are receiving this newsletter then you are likely already a member of the Commodity Club Email List. However if you are receiving this newsletter secondhand or you would like to add a different email address, please email Sarah (sarah.white@iowa.gov) and we will update your information.

Iowa Food Distribution Program

If you need additional information, commodity values, or forms for the USDA food distribution programs, please visit USDA Food Distribution at our website: http://www.educateiowa.gov Click on the "A to Z Index" to navigate to "USDA Food Distribution".

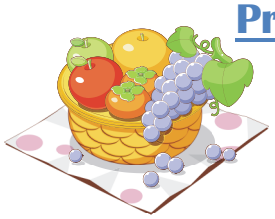
One new form to be aware of is the USDA Food Complaint form. This form will be required to be filled out whenever there is a problem with a USDA Food item.

USDA Food News and Fact Sheets

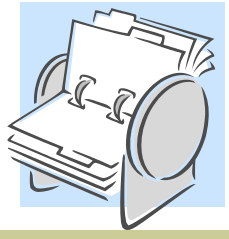
If you want information about USDA Foods or are looking for nutrition fact sheets for USDA Foods please visit the following website: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd

Nutrition fact sheets are found by clicking "FAQs/Fact Sheets" on the right sidebar.

DoD Fresh Fruits and Veggies Program



If you would like to allocate some of your entitlement funds to the DoD Fresh Fruits and Veggies Program, or are having problems using the online ordering system, contact Jill. A representative from the DoD will be available at the Food Show to talk more about this program, and provide training using the online system.



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