

# IOWA COMMODITY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## USDA Foods Order 13D and 13E

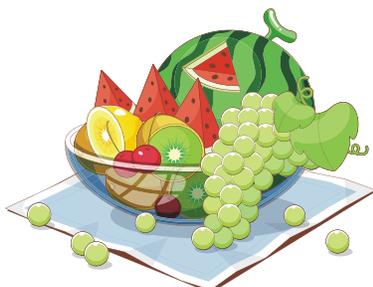
The fifth order for the school year will be due **January 18th, 2013**. The fourth order, 13 D, will start delivery the middle of January and continue into February.

One thing that needed to be deleted from your 13 D order was the 5oz Smuckers Uncrustables. As you may have heard, Smuckers is getting out of the USDA Food business and part of their transition was stopping production of the large Uncrustable sandwiches. For the remainder of the school year only the smaller 2.8oz size will be available. As well canned sweet potatoes with light syrup were deleted due to late shipment.

In addition, starting with 13 D the vegetarian bean and cheese burrito is now made with a whole wheat tortilla. Many schools had contacted the state office asking if this change was coming and we were able to get it started with this fourth order!

## DoD Fresh Fruit and Veggies

Our DoD budget was submitted to the USDA this week. It has increased from 1.8 million to more than 2.4 million, pending approval. Nearly 30 new schools are joining the program! Jill will be in touch later in 2013 to get new participants set up for online ordering. For more information about the DoD program contact Jill.



## A&A Accounts and Web Changes

Back in December you may have received a number of emails from Sarah detailing the need to create an A&A Account. Here at the DOE we are experiencing some website upgrades and part of that includes changing the way you login and order USDA Foods. The new A&A account will provide a more secure login for our users. If you haven't gone and created your A&A account or you are in need of help, please contact Sarah and she will be more than happy to help you along the way. While a firm deadline has not been set for when this switchover will be complete, creating an account ahead of time will help make the transition smoother.

The 13 E order will be placed using the old <https://www.edinfo.state.ia.us> but moving forward orders will likely be placed through the new website <https://portal.ed.iowa.gov>.

## NOI Allocations

If you noticed you hadn't received an email from the Jill asking about the NOI allocations for the next school year, you might be wondering why. This year USDA moved back the deadline for ordering of USDA Food items for processors. This means we were able to move back the deadline for NOI allocations from schools. So don't worry you haven't missed anything yet!

If you attended our USDA Food show back in November hopefully you tried lots of new and exciting products that you are interested in menuing next year. Keep those products in mind when using the calculators and requesting pounds of USDA Foods. Tentative deadline for NOI allocations will be in March 2013!

### USDA Foods Mobile Site

The USDA unveiled a new mobile site for their program participants mid December. Currently the mobile site is designed as a resource for schools, but will be adding additional features in the future. The mobile site can be found at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/mobile>. Also unveiled was an enhanced USDA Foods Available list containing hot links to nutrition fact sheets. The enhanced list can be found at: [http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/foods/SY13-Foods\\_Available\\_List-Enhanced.pdf](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/foods/SY13-Foods_Available_List-Enhanced.pdf)



### USDA Foods Survey SY 14

Be on the watch for a survey regarding USDA Foods available for SY 14. USDA policy requires that state distribution agencies survey their program participants annually regarding available USDA Foods. Your input on this survey will help determine which USDA Foods are purchased and made available for school year 14.



### Looking for recipes using USDA Foods?

The National Food Service Management Institute has a collection of recipes utilizing available USDA foods. If you are looking for something new to try or have a great recipe you think could benefit others, please

visit [http://teamnutrition.usda.gov/Resources/usda\\_recipes.html](http://teamnutrition.usda.gov/Resources/usda_recipes.html)



### 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 and we will update your information.



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