



# USDA Food & Nutrition Service

## Mid-Atlantic Regional Office

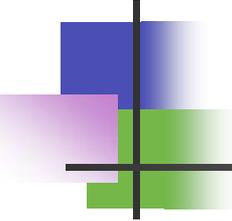
### Regional Office Roles & Responsibilities

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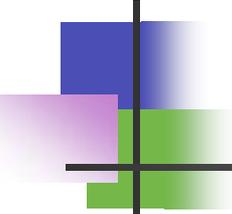




# Objectives

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- Provide a brief overview of the USDA Food and Nutrition Service
- Outline the programs that provide USDA Food support
- Identify the USDA FNS Regional Offices
- Explain the roles and responsibilities of the USDA Regional Office Food Distribution Program staff

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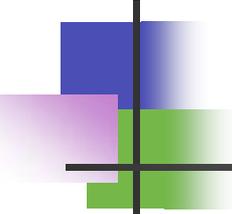
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## Vision

To lead America in ending hunger and improving nutrition and health.

## Mission Statement

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) increases food security and reduces hunger **in partnership with cooperating organizations** by providing children and needy families access to food, a healthful diet, and nutrition education in a manner that supports American agriculture and inspires public confidence.



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- Seven Regional Offices and HQ
- 15 Nutrition Assistance Programs
- Budget - \$82.8 Billion Dollars – FY10
- Programs Serve 1 in 5 Americans
  - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
    - 33.4 million people per month (avg.)
  - National School Lunch Program
    - 29 million students in 101,000 schools daily

# FNS Programs That Utilize USDA Foods

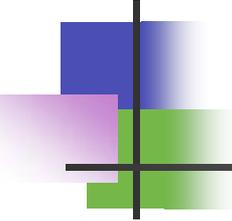


- National School Lunch Program
  - Including School Breakfast Program
- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Summer Food Service Program
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (WIC)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

# FNS Programs That Utilize USDA Foods (con't)



- Emergency Food Assistance Program
- Nutrition Services Incentive Program
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- Processing
- Charitable Institutions
- Disaster Feeding and Situations of Distress

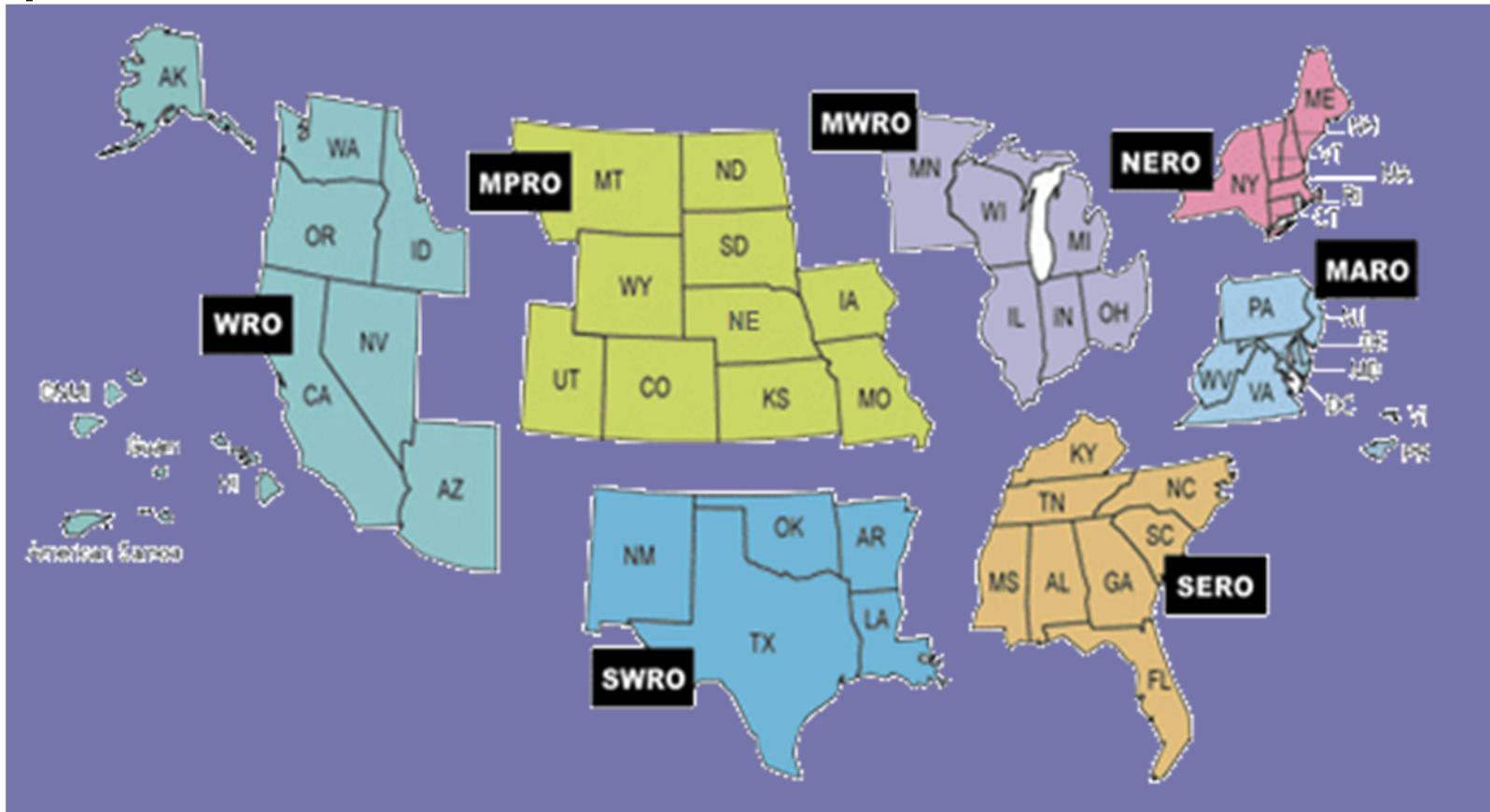
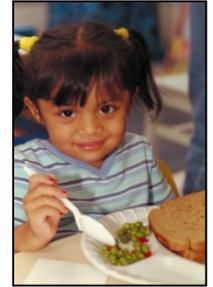


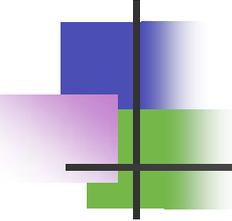
# FNS Regional Offices

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- Regional offices work with their state and community partners to increase food security and reduce hunger by providing children and low-income people access to food, a healthful diet, and nutrition education.

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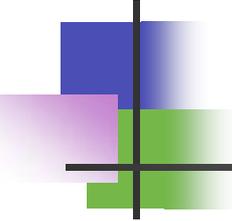




# FNS Regional Offices

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- Mountain Plains Regional Office (MWRO)
  - Denver, CO (CO, IA, KS, MO, MT, NE, ND, SD, UT, WY)
- Northeast Regional Office (NERO)
  - Boston, MA (CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, VT)
- Mid-Atlantic Regional Office (MARO)
  - Robbinsville, NJ (DE, DC, MD, NJ, PA, PR, VA, VI, WV)
- Mid-West Regional Office (MWRO)
  - Chicago, IL (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI)



# FNS Regional Offices

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- Southeast Regional Office (SERO)
  - Atlanta, GA (AL,FL,GA,KY,MS,NC,SC,TN)
- Southwest Regional Office (SWRO)
  - Dallas, TX (AK,LA,NM,OK,TX)
- Western Regional Office (WRO)
  - San Francisco, CA (AK,AZ,CA,HI,ID,NV,OR,WA,Guam,CNMI,AS)

# Regional Office Roles and Responsibilities



- Household Programs Commodity Orders
  - Manage food ordering for FDPIR, TEFAP and CSFP including questions concerning requisitions, food surveys, entitlement spending, order cancellations, and destination changes.

# Regional Office Roles and Responsibilities

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- Management Evaluations
  - Conduct review of SDA operations and ensure corrective action(s) are completed in a timely manner
- State-specific policy issues
  - Interpret regulations and policies for SDAs including applicable FNS Instructions

# Regional Office Roles and Responsibilities



- Commodity Holds and Recalls
  - Coordinates the recall process with State Distributing Agencies (SDA)
  - Coordinates information between SDAs and the FNS HQ Food Safety Unit

# Regional Office Roles and Responsibilities



- Disaster Feeding Response
  - Designated contact for SDAs responding to requests for USDA Food assistance in a Situation of Distress or a Presidentially Declared Disaster.
  - Coordinates with FNS Office of Emergency Management

# Regional Office Roles and Responsibilities



- Reporting
  - Prepares, reviews, and submits a variety of reports and plans involving all aspects of program administration including financial, warehousing and distribution of USDA Foods.

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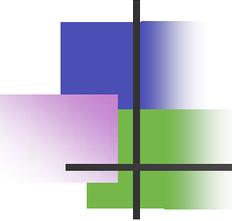
- Processing
  - Reviews single state processing contracts.
  - Reviews annual inventory reconciliation reports, performance reports, and provides general oversight of processing activity.
  - Reviews all state processing activity, including NPA, when conducting management evaluations of SDAs.

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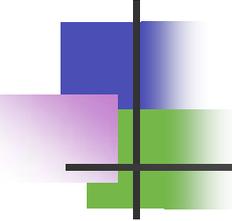
- Other Duties as Assigned
  - Outreach, program promotion, special initiatives, conference attendance, etc.



# Regional Responsibilities – Commodity Supplemental Food Program

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- Food Ordering
  - Surveys, Product Information, Liaison to HQ, ECOS Issues
- Inventory Calculators
- Policy Issues
- State Plan & Amendments



# Regional Responsibilities – Commodity Supplemental Food Program

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- Reporting
  - FNS-153, FNS-191, FBCI, SF-425 (SF-269)
- Management Evaluations
- Caseload Management
- Technical Assistance



# Thank you!

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