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SUBJECT: Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): Final Caseload Assignments for the 2015 Caseload Cycle, and Administrative Grants

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On December 16, 2014, President Obama signed the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (P.L. 113-235), which provides \$211.482 million for CSFP, including \$2.8 million designated for States with approved State plans but not currently participating – Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. Accordingly, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is allocating final caseload and administrative grants for 2015 for all States participating in the program, as provided below.

Final Caseload Assignments for New CSFP States

The \$2.8 million provided for CSFP States participating in CSFP for the first time in 2015 will support a combined total of 16,000 caseload slots for the seven new States. The new caseload has been allocated equally among the States, except that no State received caseload above its requested level.

With an equal allocation of caseload slots, each new CSFP State would have received approximately 2,285 slots. However, because Idaho and Rhode Island each requested only 2,000 slots, a slightly higher caseload level was available for the remaining five new CSFP States. **Accordingly, Idaho and Rhode Island have each been allocated 2,000 caseload slots and Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Maryland, and Massachusetts have each been allocated 2,400 caseload slots for the caseload cycle beginning January 1, 2015.**

FNS will offer training for new CSFP State staff in early 2015, and will provide further guidance specifically for States participating for the first time in 2015.

Final Caseload Assignments for Currently Participating CSFP States

In accordance with CSFP regulations, the 2015 base caseload calculation for all States is equal to the greater of (1) average monthly participation for the previous FY or (2) average monthly participation for the last quarter of the previous FY. Although CSFP regulations permit September-only participation data to be used to determine base caseload in certain limited circumstances, these regulatory criteria were not met for 2015. CSFP regulations further provide that for all CSFP States, calculated base caseload for 2015 cannot be greater than total assigned caseload for 2014.

Current resources are sufficient to support each State's base caseload for the 2015 caseload cycle (January 1 through December 31). Additionally, because several States did not fully use their 2014 assigned caseload, 9,570 caseload slots are available for reallocation as additional caseload at this time. This additional caseload is being allocated to those eligible State agencies which can most efficiently use it without significantly exceeding their caseload assignments, as demonstrated by past performance.

Each requesting State which used equal to or greater than 95 percent of its assigned caseload on an average monthly basis during either FY 2014 or the last quarter of FY 2014 is receiving additional caseload for 2015, provided that the State agency did not exceed 101 percent of its assigned caseload on an average monthly basis for FY 2014. Each of these States is being allocated a share of the total additional caseload slots available proportional to its base caseload, up to its total additional caseload request. Where a proportional share exceeds any State's additional caseload request, the remaining caseload is being allocated proportionally to the remaining States.

Participation of Women, Infants, and Children in CSFP in 2015

Prior to enactment of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-79, the Farm Bill) on February 7, 2014, State and local agencies administering CSFP were authorized to serve low-income seniors, age 60 and older, and women, infants, and children who met the eligibility requirements of the program. However, Section 4102 of the Farm Bill amended CSFP's eligibility requirements to phase out the participation of women, infants, and children in the program and transition it to a seniors only program.

Accordingly, as of February 7, 2014, no new or pending applications from women, infants or children can be approved. Women, infants, and children who were certified and receiving CSFP benefits as of February 6, 2014 can continue to receive assistance until they are no longer eligible under the program rules in effect on February 6, 2014.

As a result of this change, the number of women, infants, and children participating in CSFP declined steadily throughout 2014. In currently participating States, some women and children may continue on the program throughout the 2015 caseload cycle but no infants will be receiving

benefits after February 2015. **Currently participating States are responsible for ensuring that no new applications are approved for women, infants, or children, and that only women, infants, and children eligible under Section 4102 of the Farm Bill are currently receiving CSFP benefits.** Any women, infants, or children seeking to apply for CSFP benefits should be referred to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and other nutrition assistance programs for which they may be eligible.

No women, infants, or children will be eligible for enrollment in new CSFP States.

Caseload Use and Food Orders in 2015

Program regulations require that States ensure that program participation levels do not exceed assigned caseload on an average monthly basis. In order to ensure sufficient resources are available to serve CSFP participants throughout the year, any States currently exceeding 2015 final caseload assignments must work to reduce participation levels to reflect such assignments.

At the same time, State agencies must attempt to fully use their 2015 caseload assignments. In order to efficiently use caseload, States must monitor participation carefully each month. Per CSFP regulations, caseload assignments in 2016 will be in large part dependent on each State's caseload use this year.

Due to the limited resources available to support the program, it is crucial that States use caseload and USDA Foods in the most efficient manner possible. States are required to accurately track and maintain appropriate inventory levels at the State level. FNS provides the CSFP Inventory Calculator as an optional tool to assist States in effectively managing inventories. Additional information on the CSFP Inventory Calculator is available on the CSFP home page at www.fns.usda.gov/csfp. **Recommended CSFP State-level inventories are two to two-and-one-half months by food package category. Regulations at 7 CFR Part 250 prohibit inventories from exceeding six months on-hand without approval from FNS.**

FNS Regional Offices (ROs) will very closely and constantly monitor States' year-to-date participation levels and food orders. FNS ROs will reduce food orders to ensure that States do not exceed their assigned caseloads or over-order USDA Foods, thus depriving other States of needed resources.

Administrative Grant per Assigned Caseload Slot

The Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-86), as amended, mandates an administrative grant per assigned caseload slot to be adjusted each FY to reflect inflation. The mandatory grant per assigned caseload slot for FY 2014 is \$73.78.

New CSFP States' administrative grants per assigned caseload slot are prorated to account for the fact these States did not have caseload assignments for the first quarter of FY 2015. As a result, each new CSFP State's prorated administrative grant per caseload slot is \$55.33.

The attached chart, Attachment A, displays final caseload assignments and administrative grants for each State. Administrative funds for use over the remainder of the FY are subject to apportionment by the Office of Management and Budget. We will keep you informed regarding the availability of such funds.

CSFP State agencies should address questions or comments to their Regional Offices, which may in turn contact Erica Antonson or Carolyn Smalkowski at (703) 305-2662.

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Attachment

Final CSFP Caseload and Administrative Funding - 2015

Final Caseload for Existing CSFP States: 588,000
Final Caseload for New CSFP States: 16,000
2015 Total Caseload: 604,000

Admin. Grant/Slot/Year: \$73.78
Grant/Slot/Month: \$6.1483
Grant/Slot/Oct.-Dec.: \$18.4449
Grant/Slot/Jan.-Sept.: \$55.3347

State	2014 Caseload	FY 2014	FY 2014	FY 2014	FY 2014	2015			Admin. Funds Oct. 1 - Dec. 31 a/	Admin. Funds Jan. 1 - Sept. 30	Total Admin Funds FY 2015	FY 2015 Admin.	FY 2015 Admin.	Remaining Admin. Funds to be Allowed b/
		Annual Average Participation	Annual Average Part. %	Final Qtr. Average Participation	Final Qtr. Average Part. %	Base Caseload Calculation	Additional Caseload	Final Caseload				Funds Allowed through 12/11/14 under CR	Funds Allowed through 12/12/14 through 1/15/2015	
Connecticut a/	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,400	-	\$132,803	\$132,803	-	-	\$132,803
Maine	2,945	2,931	99.52%	2,945	100.00%	2,945	59	3,004	\$54,320	\$166,225	\$220,545	\$42,969	\$21,262	\$156,314
Massachusetts a/	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,400	-	\$132,803	\$132,803	-	-	\$132,803
New Hampshire	5,889	5,322	90.37%	4,982	84.60%	5,322	0	5,322	\$108,622	\$294,491	\$403,113	\$85,923	\$42,518	\$274,672
New York	34,066	34,082	100.05%	34,401	100.98%	34,066	688	34,754	\$628,344	\$1,923,102	\$2,551,446	\$497,039	\$245,952	\$1,808,455
Rhode Island a/	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	-	\$110,669	\$110,669	-	-	\$110,669
Vermont	3,165	3,015	95.26%	2,979	94.12%	3,015	60	3,075	\$58,378	\$170,154	\$228,532	\$46,179	\$22,851	\$159,502
Region									\$849,664	\$2,930,247	\$3,779,911	\$672,110	\$332,583	\$2,775,218
Delaware	2,394	2,385	99.62%	2,394	100.00%	2,394	48	2,442	\$44,157	\$135,127	\$179,284	\$34,930	\$17,284	\$127,070
D.C.	6,329	5,746	90.79%	5,403	85.37%	5,746	0	5,746	\$116,738	\$317,953	\$434,691	\$92,343	\$45,695	\$296,653
Maryland a/	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,400	-	\$132,803	\$132,803	-	-	\$132,803
New Jersey	2,963	2,928	98.82%	2,957	99.80%	2,957	59	3,016	\$54,652	\$166,889	\$221,541	\$43,232	\$21,392	\$156,917
Pennsylvania	34,619	34,261	98.97%	34,517	99.71%	34,517	102	34,619	\$638,544	\$1,915,632	\$2,554,176	\$505,107	\$249,944	\$1,799,125
Region									\$854,091	\$2,668,404	\$3,522,495	\$675,612	\$334,315	\$2,512,568
Florida a/	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,400	-	\$132,803	\$132,803	-	-	\$132,803
Georgia	2,988	2,988	100.00%	2,998	100.33%	2,988	60	3,048	\$55,113	\$168,660	\$223,773	\$43,596	\$21,573	\$158,604
Kentucky	23,368	23,236	99.44%	23,352	99.93%	23,352	471	23,823	\$431,020	\$1,318,239	\$1,749,259	\$340,950	\$168,714	\$1,239,595
Mississippi	9,575	9,480	99.01%	9,575	100.00%	9,575	193	9,768	\$176,610	\$540,509	\$717,119	\$139,704	\$69,130	\$508,285
North Carolina	1,138	1,130	99.30%	1,142	100.35%	1,138	23	1,161	\$20,990	\$64,244	\$85,234	\$16,604	\$8,216	\$60,414
South Carolina	5,366	5,383	100.32%	5,376	100.19%	5,366	108	5,474	\$98,975	\$302,902	\$401,877	\$78,292	\$38,742	\$284,843
Tennessee	13,468	13,361	99.21%	13,586	100.88%	13,468	272	13,740	\$248,416	\$760,299	\$1,008,715	\$196,504	\$97,237	\$714,974
Region									\$1,031,124	\$3,287,656	\$4,318,780	\$816,650	\$403,612	\$3,099,518
Illinois	17,023	16,080	94.46%	16,151	94.88%	16,151	0	16,151	\$313,988	\$893,711	\$1,207,699	\$248,374	\$122,904	\$836,421
Indiana	3,645	3,480	95.47%	3,579	98.19%	3,579	0	3,579	\$67,232	\$198,043	\$265,275	\$53,182	\$26,316	\$185,777
Michigan	76,366	74,315	97.31%	73,785	96.62%	74,315	1,025	75,340	\$1,408,563	\$4,168,916	\$5,577,479	\$1,114,216	\$551,352	\$3,911,911
Minnesota	15,903	15,394	96.80%	15,636	98.32%	15,636	315	15,951	\$293,329	\$882,644	\$1,175,973	\$232,032	\$114,817	\$829,124
Ohio	20,487	20,184	98.52%	20,360	99.38%	20,360	410	20,770	\$377,881	\$1,149,302	\$1,527,183	\$298,915	\$147,913	\$1,080,355
Red Lake	88	84	95.45%	79	89.77%	84	0	84	\$1,623	\$4,648	\$6,271	\$1,284	\$635	\$4,365
Wisconsin	10,391	10,321	99.33%	10,552	101.55%	10,391	209	10,600	\$191,661	\$586,548	\$778,209	\$151,610	\$75,022	\$551,577
Region									\$2,654,277	\$7,883,812	\$10,538,089	\$2,099,613	\$1,038,959	\$7,399,517
Arkansas	2,992	2,981	99.63%	2,992	100.00%	2,992	60	3,052	\$55,187	\$168,882	\$224,069	\$43,655	\$21,602	\$158,812
Louisiana	65,015	62,357	95.91%	61,187	94.11%	62,357	1,258	63,615	\$1,199,195	\$3,520,117	\$4,719,312	\$948,599	\$469,399	\$3,301,314
New Mexico	16,600	16,056	96.72%	16,263	97.97%	16,263	328	16,591	\$306,185	\$918,058	\$1,224,243	\$242,202	\$119,850	\$862,191
Oklahoma	2,989	2,989	100.00%	3,028	101.30%	2,989	60	3,049	\$55,132	\$168,716	\$223,848	\$43,611	\$21,580	\$158,657
Texas	33,942	33,672	99.20%	34,030	100.26%	33,942	685	34,627	\$626,057	\$1,916,075	\$2,542,132	\$495,230	\$245,057	\$1,801,845
Region									\$2,241,756	\$6,691,848	\$8,933,604	\$1,773,297	\$877,488	\$6,282,819
Colorado	18,100	17,554	96.98%	17,635	97.43%	17,635	356	17,991	\$333,853	\$995,527	\$1,329,380	\$264,087	\$130,679	\$934,614
Iowa	2,998	2,915	97.23%	2,897	96.63%	2,915	59	2,974	\$55,298	\$164,565	\$219,863	\$43,742	\$21,645	\$154,476
Kansas	4,938	4,801	97.23%	4,781	96.82%	4,801	97	4,898	\$91,081	\$271,029	\$362,110	\$72,048	\$35,652	\$254,410
Missouri	15,648	15,658	100.06%	15,763	100.73%	15,648	315	15,963	\$288,626	\$883,308	\$1,171,934	\$228,312	\$112,976	\$830,646
Montana	8,197	8,143	99.34%	8,197	100.00%	8,197	103	8,300	\$151,193	\$459,278	\$610,471	\$119,598	\$59,181	\$431,692
Nebraska	10,870	10,185	93.70%	9,835	90.48%	10,185	0	10,185	\$200,496	\$563,584	\$764,080	\$158,598	\$78,480	\$527,002
North Dakota	2,047	1,921	93.84%	1,852	90.47%	1,921	0	1,921	\$37,757	\$106,298	\$144,055	\$29,867	\$14,779	\$99,409
Ogala Sioux	601	580	96.51%	557	92.68%	580	0	580	\$11,085	\$32,094	\$43,179	\$8,769	\$4,339	\$30,071
South Dakota	4,219	4,151	98.39%	4,174	98.93%	4,174	0	4,174	\$77,819	\$230,967	\$308,786	\$61,557	\$30,461	\$216,768
Utah	2,420	2,399	99.13%	2,499	103.26%	2,420	49	2,469	\$44,637	\$136,621	\$181,258	\$35,309	\$17,472	\$128,477
Region									\$1,291,845	\$3,843,271	\$5,135,116	\$1,021,887	\$505,664	\$3,607,565
Alaska	2,119	2,001	94.43%	2,067	97.55%	2,067	41	2,108	\$39,085	\$116,646	\$155,731	\$30,917	\$15,299	\$109,515
Arizona	12,349	12,225	99.00%	12,606	102.08%	12,349	249	12,598	\$227,776	\$697,107	\$924,883	\$180,178	\$89,158	\$655,547
California	75,714	73,276	96.78%	75,732	100.02%	75,714	1,528	77,242	\$1,396,537	\$4,274,163	\$5,670,700	\$1,104,703	\$546,645	\$4,019,352
Hawaii a/	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,400	-	\$132,803	\$132,803	-	-	\$132,803
Idaho a/	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	-	\$110,669	\$110,669	-	-	\$110,669
Nevada	7,212	6,980	96.78%	7,139	98.99%	7,139	144	7,283	\$133,025	\$403,003	\$536,028	\$105,226	\$52,070	\$378,732
Oregon	1,645	1,598	97.14%	1,620	98.48%	1,620	32	1,652	\$30,342	\$91,413	\$121,755	\$24,001	\$11,877	\$85,877
Washington	5,209	5,157	99.00%	5,135	98.58%	5,157	104	5,261	\$96,079	\$291,116	\$387,195	\$76,002	\$37,608	\$273,585
Region									\$1,922,844	\$6,116,920	\$8,039,764	\$1,521,027	\$752,657	\$5,766,080
National Total	588,000					578,430	9,570	604,000	\$10,845,601	\$33,422,158	\$44,267,759	\$8,579,196	\$4,245,278	\$31,443,285

a/ New CSFP States - Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island - did not have caseload in CY 2014 and did not receive corresponding administrative funds