

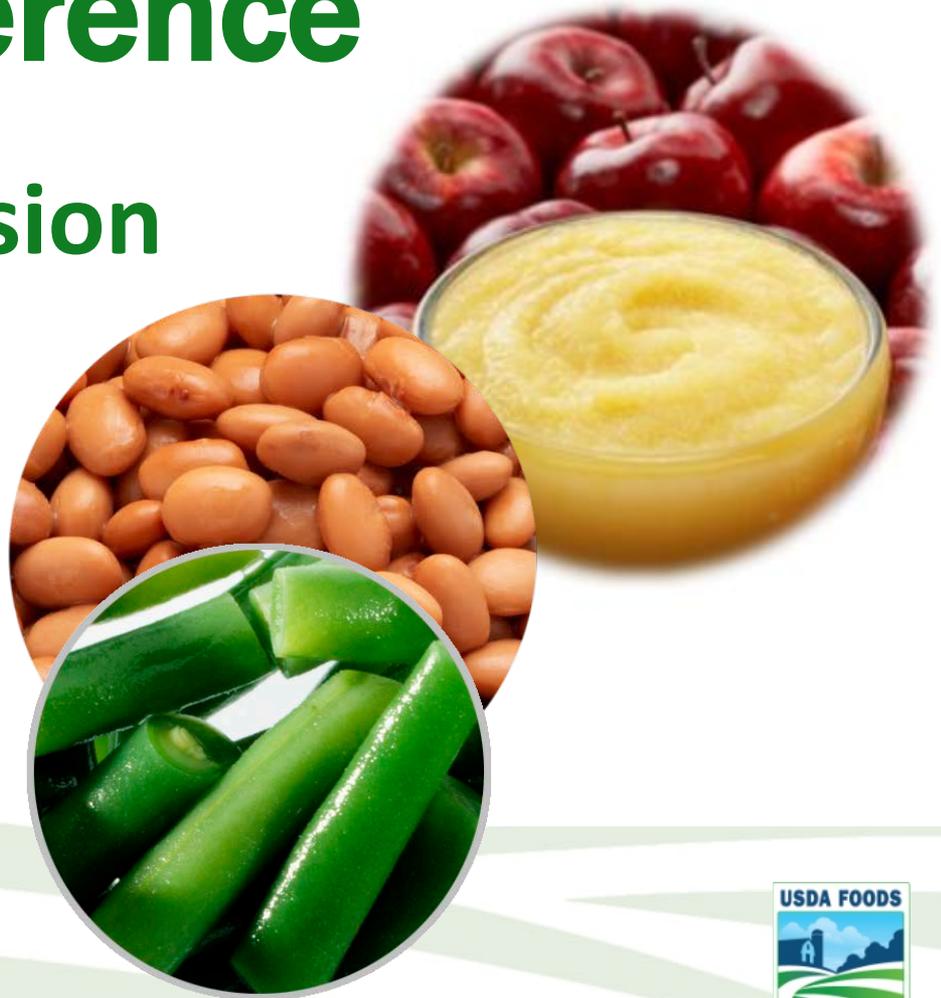
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Agenda

Janice Fitzgerald

- **Key FNS Initiatives**
 - Business Process Review
 - FDD Communications
 - Nutrition Education Resource
- **Operations Updates**
- **Technology Updates**

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- **Policy Updates**
 - Funding & Caseload
 - New CSFP States
 - 2014 Farm Bill & W-I-C Phase Out
 - Policy & Regulations
 - Program Reminders



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FNS Initiatives, Operations, & Technology Updates

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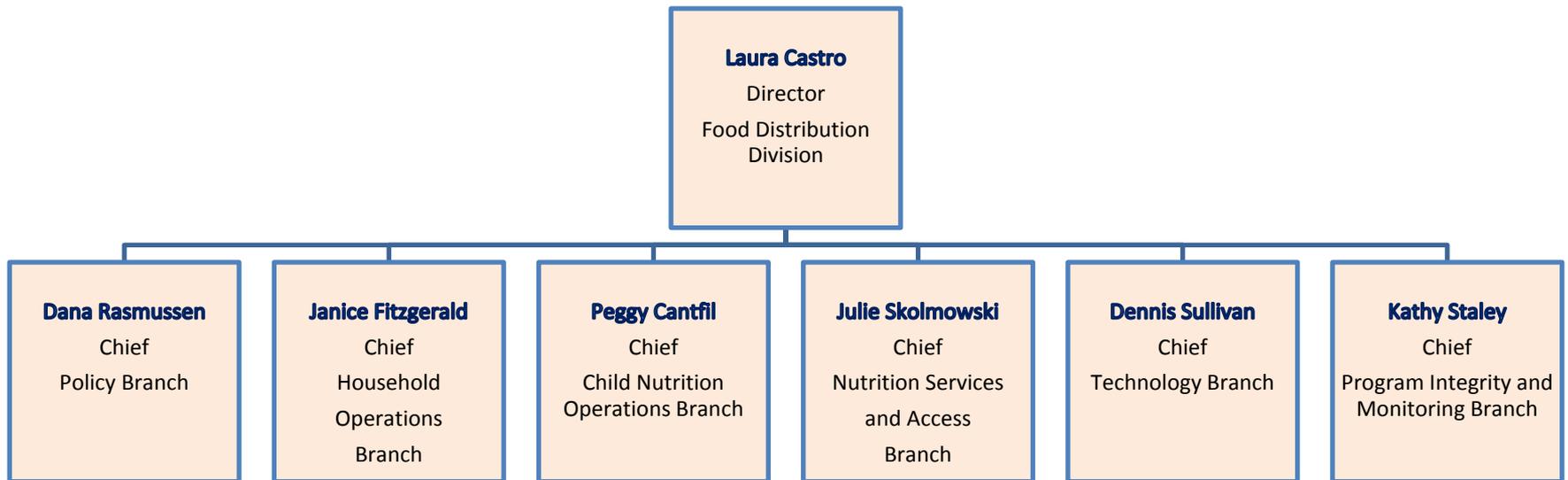
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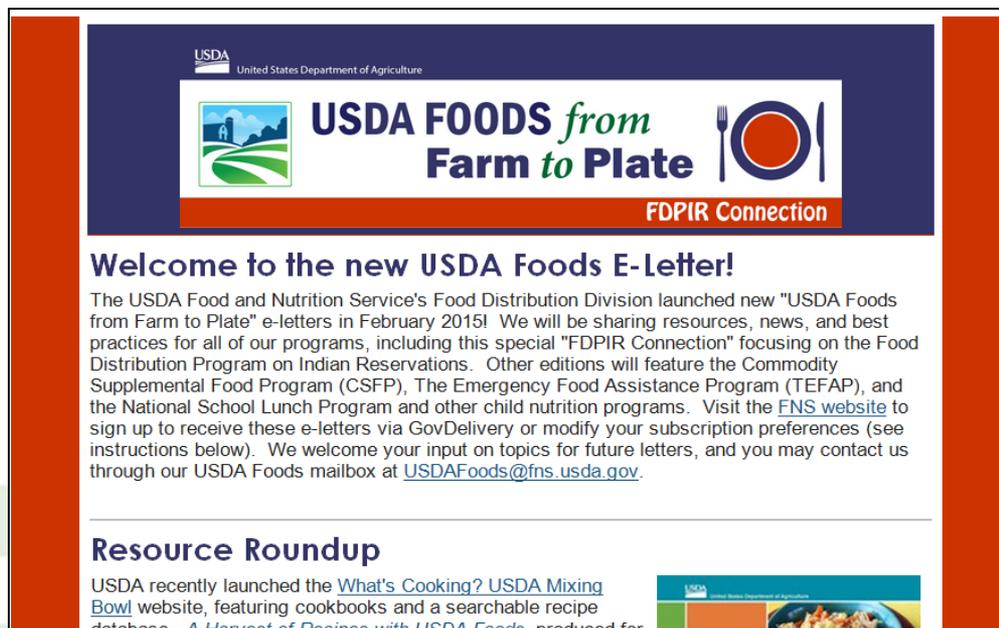


Organization of the Food Distribution Division



USDA Foods Communication

- New USDA Foods E-Letter
- Sign up via GovDelivery on the FNS website:
-  <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd>
- Webinars



The screenshot shows the top portion of an e-letter. At the top left is the USDA logo with the text "United States Department of Agriculture". To the right is the "USDA FOODS from Farm to Plate" logo, which includes a stylized farm scene and a plate with a fork and knife. Below this is a red banner with the text "FDPIR Connection". The main text begins with "Welcome to the new USDA Foods E-Letter!" followed by a paragraph explaining the launch of the e-letters in February 2015 and listing the programs covered, such as the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, CSFP, TEFAP, and the National School Lunch Program. It provides instructions on how to sign up via GovDelivery and contact the USDA Foods mailbox at USDAFoods@fns.usda.gov. Below this is a section titled "Resource Roundup" with a link to a "What's Cooking? USDA Mixing Bowl" website.

Update: What's Cooking? USDA Mixing Bowl

<http://www.whatscooking.fns.usda.gov/>

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- Search for and print fact sheets.
- Search the household recipe database for recipes only.
- All USDA Foods Fact Sheets and recipes now translated to Spanish.
- The Menu Builder and Shopping List features are nearly completed.

Nutrition Education Resources: How Much Salt, Sugar, Fat?

The availability of one time 2015 funds enabled FDD to purchase these nutrition education 'test tube' sets for local agencies that have an agreement with a State agency to operate CSFP.



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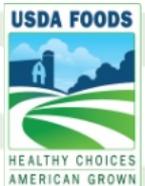


Nutrition Education Resources: How Much Salt, Sugar, Fat?

- Each agency will receive four sets:
 - How Much Fat? Parts 1 and 2
 - How Much Salt?
 - How Much Sugar?
- Packages will include a memorandum from FNS, signed by Laura Castro. It will provide tips for using the resources.
- Sets will be shipped directly to local agencies in coming months.
- No cost for State or local agencies.



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Nutrition Education Resources: How Much Fat, Salt, Sugar?

- Sets of 10 ‘test tubes’ are filled to show the amount of fat, sugar or salt in common foods.
- The items serve a dual purpose:
 - No staff required: Display in a prominent place to provide a visual method for participants to compare the fat, salt, and sugar in common foods.
 - Staff involvement required: Use the ‘test tubes’ as the basis for nutrition education classes or food demonstrations.



Business Process Review (BPR)

- Project to assess and improve USDA Foods business practices across all programs, including CSFP
- Last BPR performed in 2000
- Long term project – 12-24 months
- Program stakeholders, industry and federal agency participation
- Not a computer application review – business focus
- Detailed review of prioritized processes
- Goal - provide value to programs



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Business Process Review (BPR)

- **Contract awarded September 2015**
- **Project Kickoff meeting - October 22, 2015**
- **Phase One - vision and scope in November 2015:**
 - **Establish priorities**
 - **Identify stakeholder groups for process reviews**
- **Process review meetings start early February 2016**



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OPERATIONS



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Procurement Consolidation

- As of 7/27/2015 the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) absorbed the domestic procurement functions of the Farm Services Agency (FSA)

USDA Foods

Current Inventory & Outlook

- **2015/2016 outlook**
 - IDIQ Fruit & Vegetable demands met
 - Tuna
- **Macaroni**



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Food Purchasing

- Yearly
- Quarterly
- Monthly
- **All Household Programs follow same purchasing schedule:**
 - Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
 - The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
 - Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)



Direct Delivery Ordering Timeline & Schedule

- Annually – IDIQ due February/March of the prior year
- Biannually – Due late summer and early winter
- Quarterly:
 - January – March delivery orders due in WBSCM in October
 - April – June delivery orders due in WBSCM in January
 - July – September delivery orders due in WBSCM in April
 - October – December delivery orders due in WBSCM in July
- Monthly – Due 2 months prior to delivery date
- Split shipments encouraged



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Food Purchases

IDIQ (Annually)	Biannual	Quarterly	Monthly
Apricots	Fresh Apples	Remaining Vegetables	Cheese
Carrots	Fresh Pears	Apple & Dried Fruit Products	Chicken (Split Breast & Canned)
Cream Corn	Fresh Potatoes	Beans	Ground Beef
Diced Tomatoes	Salmon	Egg Mix	Turkey
Green Beans		(Grains, Peanuts, Oils, and Dairy)	
Mixed Fruit		Juices	
Peaches		Livestock	
Pears		Soups	
Peas		Whole bagged chicken	
Sliced Potatoes			
Vegetable Mix			
Whole Kernel Corn			



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National Warehouse Replenishment Orders

- 3 national warehouses located in ID, MO, and NY
- Inventory orders are based on ordering trends from previous months
- Generally use a 3 month average from the 3 previous months of multi-food orders
- Adjustments made based on increased participation and product availability

TECHNOLOGY



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Technology Branch Updates

- **Responsible for oversight and management of computer applications**
 - Manage contractor services for system support
 - Computer application project management and system governance
 - Coordinate support with National Information Technology Center
 - Test computer application fixes and enhancements
 - Provide technical assistance to system users



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Technology Branch

- **Web Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) System**
 - National Warehouse multi-food order management
 - Direct delivery (Full Truckload/Split Shipment) order management
- **Current projects**
 - WBSCM fixes and software releases
 - Computer applications consolidation - customer facing features



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Policy Updates

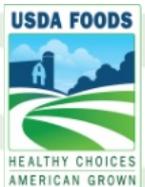
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FY2015 CSFP Appropriations

- The Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, provided \$211.482 million for CSFP in FY2015.
- Included \$2.8 million designated for the addition of States with approved State plans but not yet participating in CSFP to join the program.
- Supported a national caseload of 604,000 slots including 588,000 slots for existing states and 16,000 slots for new States



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2015 CSFP New States

- Seven new States joined the CSFP for the first time in 2015:

Connecticut

Maryland

Florida

Massachusetts

Hawaii

Rhode Island

Idaho

- New State orientation meeting held in February 2015 – presentations available on the CSFP Home Page at:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/csfp/2015-csfp-training-new-state-staff>

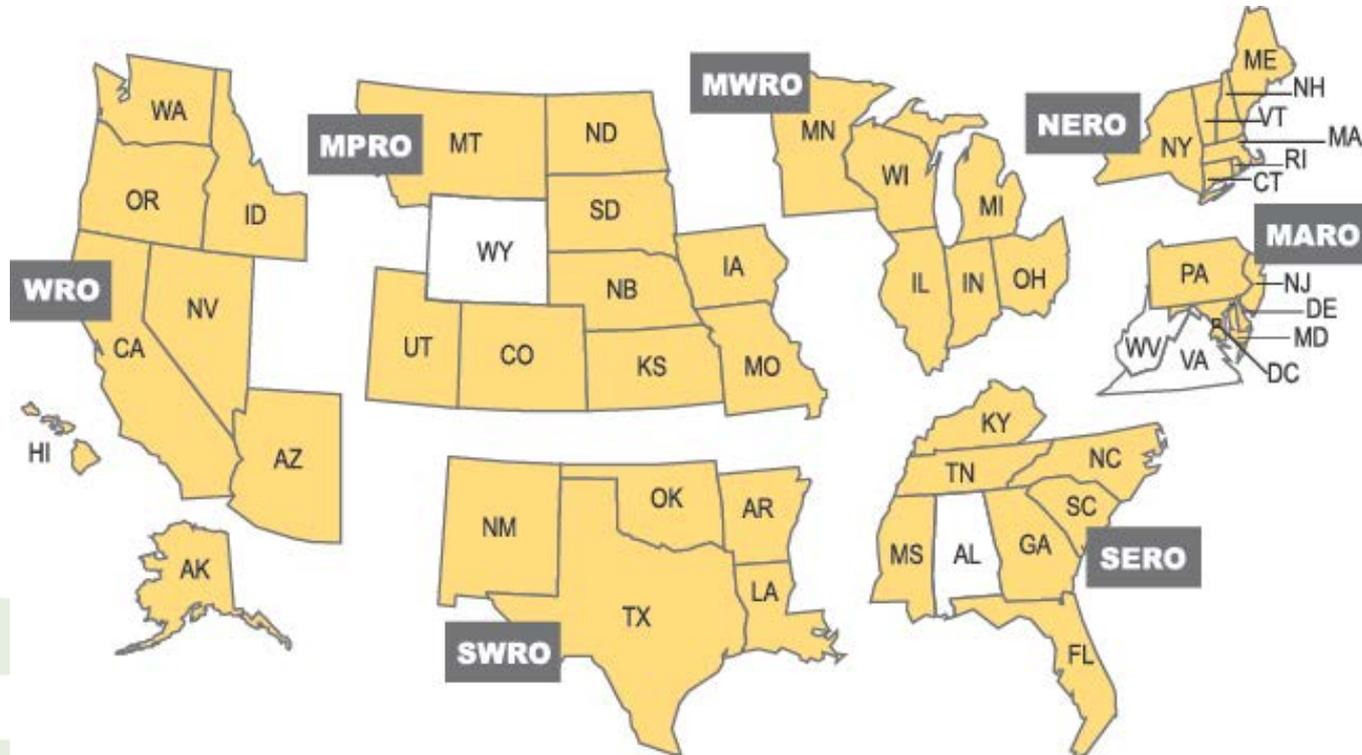


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CSFP National Map

46 States
2 Indian Tribal Organizations
District of Columbia



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FY2016 Caseload & Funding

- CSFP is currently funded under a Continuing Resolution through December 11 at the level of the President's FY16 Budget
- The President's FY16 Budget requests \$221.298 million to support a 10,000 slot caseload increase for 2016
- House and Senate Committee Marks included FY16 funding level for CSFP at level of President's Budget
- Remains to be seen what Congress will provide
- FY2016 administrative grant per caseload slot: \$74.53



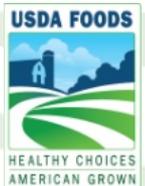
Update on 2014 Farm Bill

W-I-C Phase-Out

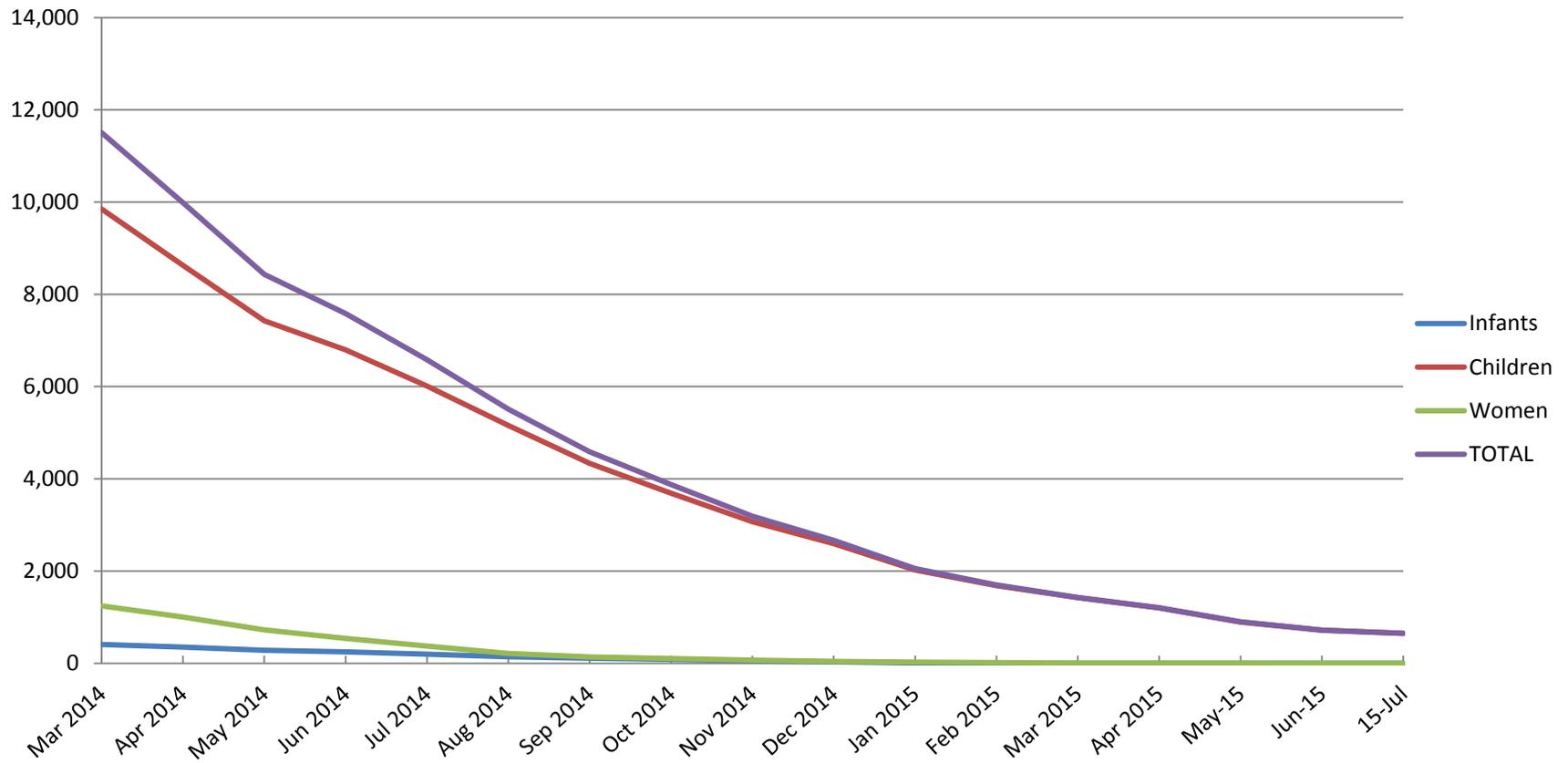
- The 2014 Farm Bill instituted the phase out of women, infants, and children in CSFP, transitioning it to an elderly-only program
- Less than 650 children remained enrolled in the program as of July 2015



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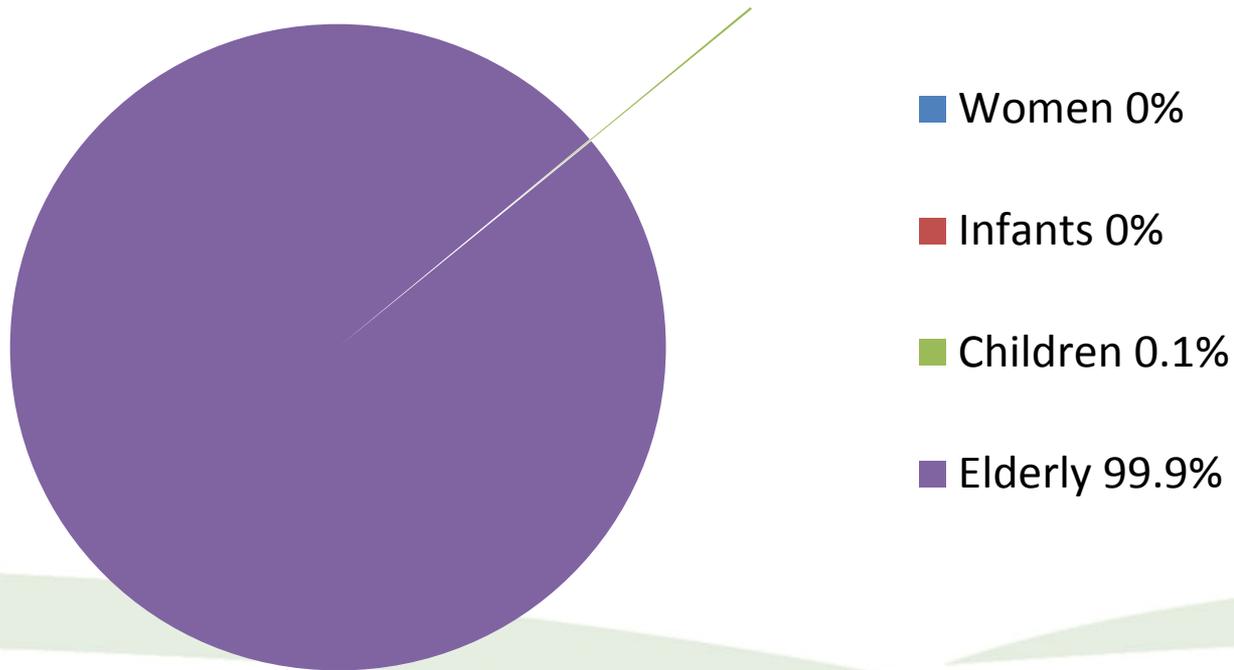


CSFP W-I-C Participation Since February 2014

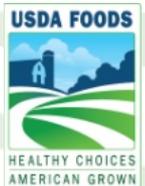


W-I-C Participation Trends

WIC vs. Elderly Program Participation in July 2015

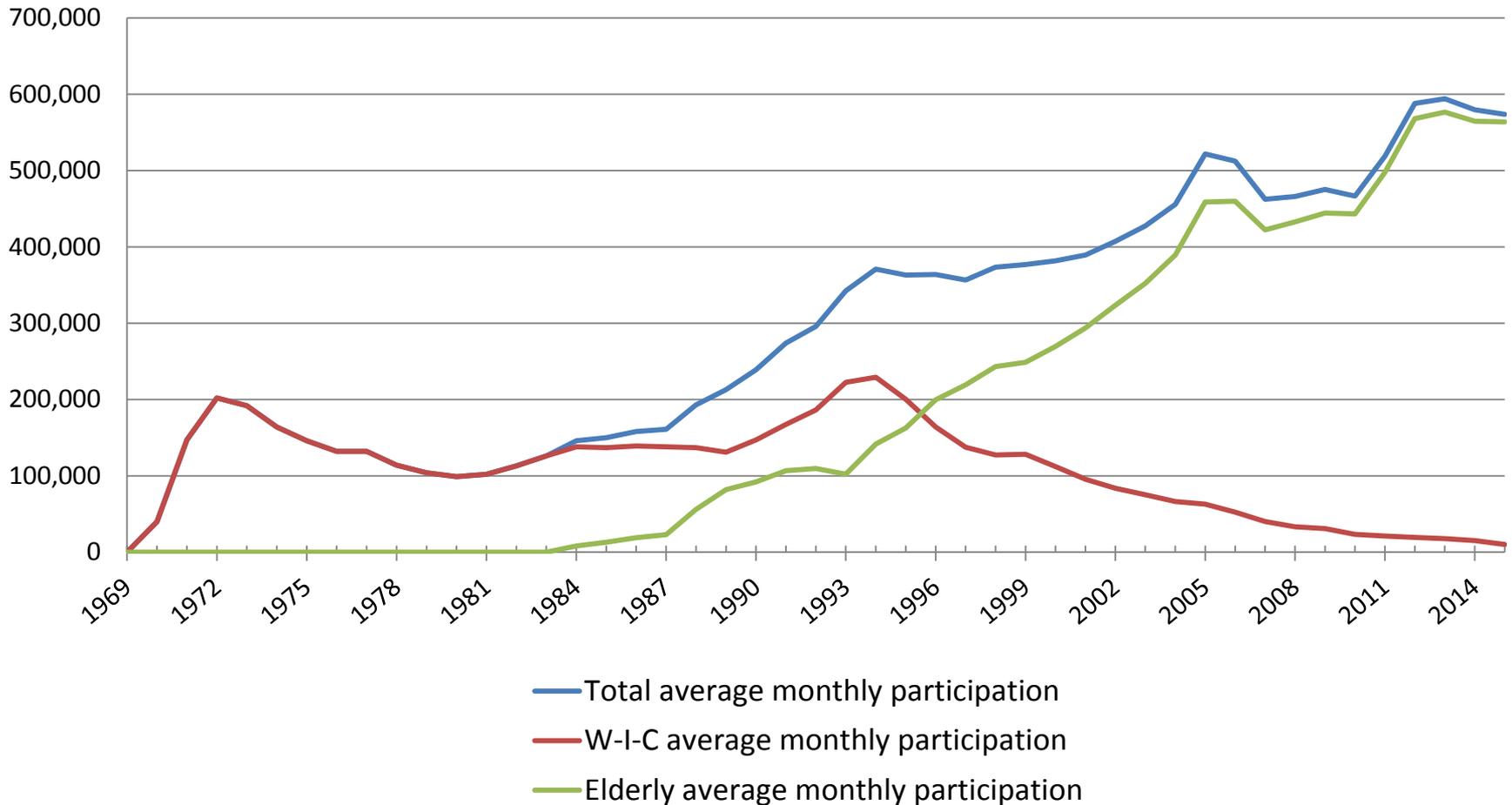


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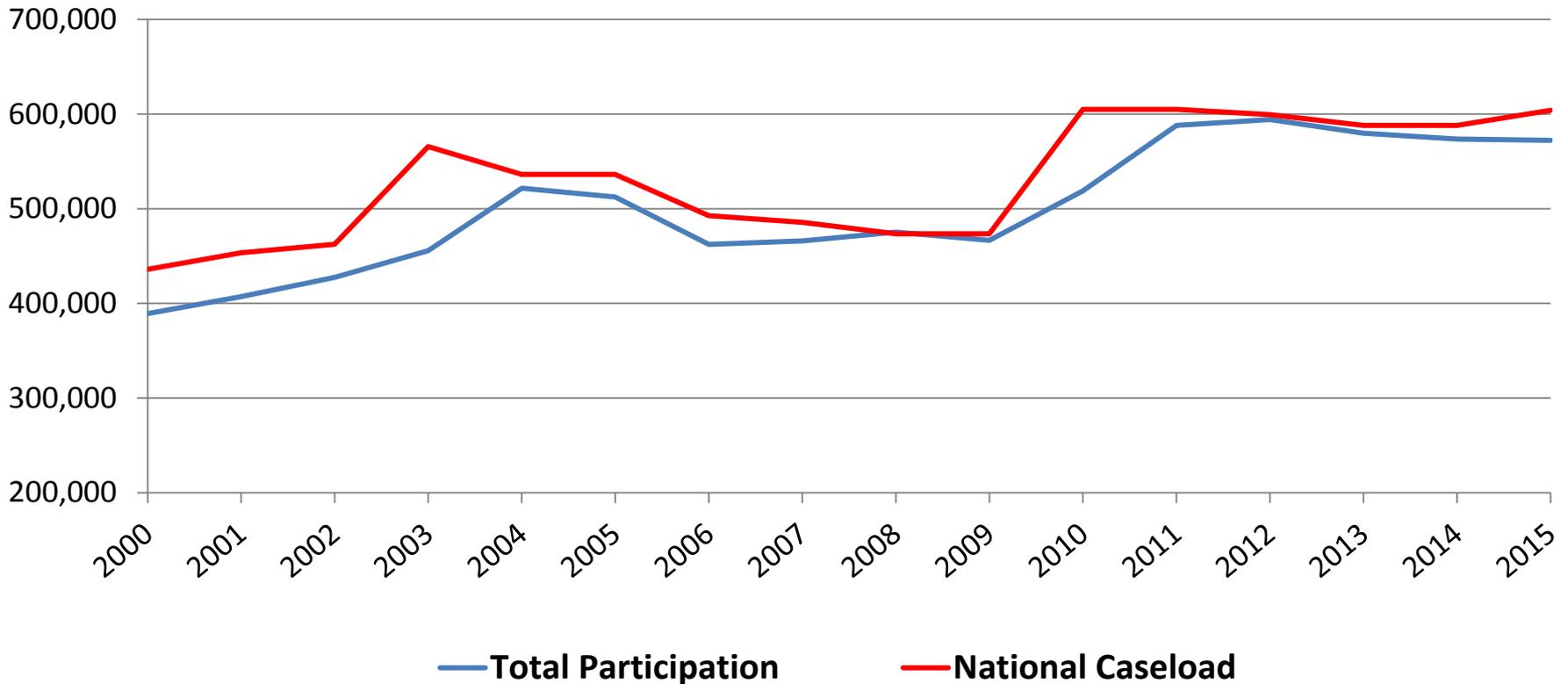
Historical Participation Trends

CSFP Average Monthly Participation
Women-Infants-Children (W-I-C) & Elderly
Fiscal Year (FY) 1989 – July 2015*
(*FY 2015 Data Available through July)



Participation & Caseload

CSFP Average Monthly Participation
Versus Caseload
Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 – July 2015*
(*FY 2015 Data Available through July)



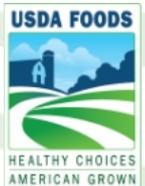
CSFP Policy Updates

- **“Requirements for the Distribution and Control of Donated Foods Proposed Rule” published October 22, 2014**
 - Revises 7 Part 250, our overarching regulation which applies to USDA Foods in CSFP, FDPIR, TEFAP, and Child Nutrition Programs.
- **FNS Instruction 709-5, Rev. 2, “Shipment and Receipt of USDA Foods” released June 4, 2015**
 - Replaces the prior version, Rev. 1, dated April 1, 1993.
 - Streamlines the current version and incorporates recent food distribution updates, such as the advent of WBSCM and National Multi-Food Warehouses.

[http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fdd/FNS Instruction 709-5 Rev 2.pdf](http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/fdd/FNS%20Instruction%20709-5%20Rev%202.pdf)



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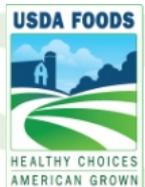


Program Reminders

- **Submit FNS-153 data in timely manner – 30 days after report month. This is required by regulations in 7 CFR Part 247**
- **Check both participation and inventory data for accuracy before submitting.**
 - Next year's State caseload is dependent on your submitted participation data.
 - Food costs rely on accurate inventory counts and participation numbers. Congress regularly requests this information, which could impact future funding.



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CSFP Resource Management

- Caseload/Participation monitoring is critical
- Proactively monitor participation each month and ensure that participation does not exceed assigned caseload on an average monthly basis
- Careful caseload and inventory management is key to ensuring that CSFP food resources are used efficiently and can meet national demand throughout the year.
- Recommended inventory levels are 2 to 2 ½ months by food package category. State staff – use the optional inventory calculator to monitor your inventories in relation to food orders.



“And Justice For All” Posters

- USDA is printing new “And Justice for All” Posters
- The new posters will be available to CSFP State and local agencies early next year.
- The posters will be shipped directly to States.
- Contact your Regional Office Civil Rights Director with any questions.

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Thank you!



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