

USDA Unprocessed Fruit and Vegetable Pilot - UFVP



What is the UFVP?

The pilot project will provide State Distributing Agencies (SDAs) in selected States additional flexibility in the procurement of unprocessed fruits and vegetables. School food authorities (SFAs) in selected States, or SDAs acting on behalf of participating SFAs, will be permitted to competitively solicit a USDA-approved vendor using USDA Foods National School Lunch Program (NSLP) entitlement funds. SDAs or SFAs will also be able to use pre-existing commercial distribution channels and relationships with growers, produce wholesalers, and distributors. Use of geographic preference, as allowed by FNS regulation, is permitted in the procurement of these products.

How do I participate?

Basic steps

1. Divert USDA Foods entitlement to pilot
2. Review USDA approved vendor list on AMS website
3. Conduct competitive solicitation and award to approved pilot vendor or if you already have contract amend it to include language from USDA Fruit and Vegetable Pilot Q&A memo
4. Tell ODE how much you are going to spend with chosen vendor so it can approve funds
5. Place order with vendor
6. Receive delivery and sign invoice. Vendor then bills USDA AMS.
7. ODE will send invoice verification periodically asking you to validate that what you received is what was deducted from your entitlement balance