Enhanced Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) Food Package Survey

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The Enhanced CSFP Food Package was implemented February 1, 2020. USDA is aware that the initial implementation delay and food availability issues created challenges for many programs. While we understand that these issues may have impacted your program operations initially, we would like you to consider your CURRENT operation and views of the food package changes when answering the questions below. There will be space at the end of the survey to share additional feedback about the overall process.

Information collected in this survey will be used for USDA internal evaluation only and individual responses will not be shared. We plan to use the information to evaluate the successes and challenges of the enhanced CSFP Food Package implementation, as well as to tailor training and technical assistance to better support States and programs in the future. Thank you in advance for taking the time to provide this valuable feedback to USDA!

This information is being collected to assist the Food and Nutrition Service in obtaining feedback related to the Enhanced CSFP Food Package. This is a voluntary collection and FNS will use the information to improve training and technical assistance related to the changes in the food package. The collection does not request personally identifiable information under the Privacy Act of 1974. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0584-0611. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 20 minutes (0.33 hours) per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service, Office of Policy Support, 1320 Braddock Place, 5th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314. ATTN: PRA (0584-0611). Do not return the completed form to this address.

Program Background Information

1. What type of agency do you work for?

State agency



Local site that packs/distributes CSFP food boxes/bags



Local site that distributes pre-packaged food boxes/bags



1. In which state is your agency/program located? (Please spell out the complete name, not an abbreviation.)



1. What is your fiscal year 2020 caseload level? (States should enter the caseload assigned by USDA and local programs should enter the caseload assigned to your program by the State)



1. Who places the food orders for your CSFP program?

We order food directly from USDA/multifood warehouses



Our state agency orders on our behalf



A food bank/other local agency orders on our behalf



Don't know



1. How do you receive CSFP foods? (Select all that apply)

Receive full truckloads of single food items from USDA vendors



Receive mixed truckloads from the Nampa multifood warehouse



Receive mixed truckloads from the Kansas City multifood warehouse



Receive mixed truckloads from the Syracuse multifood warehouse



Receive deliveries from a State-managed warehouse



Receive pre-packaged boxes/bags of food delivered to our site



Don't know



1. How does your program pack/distribute food boxes/bags? (Select all that apply)

Pre-pack the same box for each client



Custom pack boxes based on client preferences/choices



Pre-pack different box options and allow clients to choose



Offer a client-choice model (clients select foods within each category)



Not applicable/I work with a State agency



Enhanced CSFP Food Package Feedback

1. Prior to the implementation of the enhanced CSFP Food Package, did you collect feedback from clients/program sites about the food options they would like to see?

Yes, we collected feedback from clients/program sites via survey



Yes, we collected feedback from clients/program sites verbally



No, we did not collect feedback but plan to do so in 2020



No, we did not collect feedback and do not have plans to do so



Don't know



1. On a scale of 1-5 (1= very unsatisfied, 5= very satisfied), how do you rate the overall feedback you have received from CLIENTS about the enhanced CSFP Food Package. If you do not interact with clients or do not have client feedback to share, please skip to question 9.

1 [ ] 2 [ ] 3 [ ] 4 [ ] 5 [ ]

1. Considering feedback received from CLIENTS, indicate the types of comments heard and mark how frequently you received this feedback. If you did not hear feedback about a topic, mark "Not applicable/not heard" Please select a response for each statement.

|  | Not applicable/ not heard | 1- Received feedback from one or few clients | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5- Received feedback from many clients |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Like: new food options/variety |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Like: the additional amount of food |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Like: Package better meets health needs |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Package provides too much food |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Package does not provide enough food |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dislike: new food options |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dislike: additional quantity of food (e.g. box is too heavy) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dislike: Package does not meet health needs |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. On a scale of 1-5 (1= very unsatisfied, 5= very satisfied), rate the feedback you have received from State/local agency STAFF about the enhanced CSFP Food Package.

1 [ ] 2 [ ] 3 [ ] 4 [ ] 5 [ ]

11. Considering all feedback received from State/local agency STAFF, indicate the types of comments heard and mark how frequently you received this feedback. If you did not hear feedback about a topic, mark "Not applicable/not heard" Please select a response for each statement.

|  | Not applicable/not heard | 1- Received feedback from one or few clients | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5- Received feedback from many clients |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Like: There are more food options to choose from |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Like: Foods no longer have to be distributed bi-monthly (e.g. nonfat dry milk, grits) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Like: Package aligns better with nutrition needs of clients |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Like: Clients are receiving more food each month |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dislike: There are too many food options and that makes it harder to order |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dislike: There are too many different combinations and that makes it harder to train volunteers packing boxes |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dislike: The food no longer fits nicely in the boxes/bags |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dislike: The boxes are too heavy |  |  |  |  |  |  |

12. On a scale of 1-5 (1= not enough variety, 5= good amount of variety), rate the amount of food options available through the CSFP Program

1 [ ] 2 [ ] 3 [ ] 4 [ ] 5 [ ]

13. Please select any food categories in which you believe additional food options/varieties would help to enhance the CSFP program (Select all that apply):

Canned/dried fruit



Juice



Canned/packaged vegetables and soup



Canned/packaged meat/poultry/fish



Plant-based protein (e.g. beans and peanut butter)



Milk



Cheese



Grains (e.g. rice and pasta)



Cereal



None. There is enough variety in all categories.



14. Please list any foods not currently offered that you believe would enhance the CSFP food package if made available.



15. Please indicate your State/program's plan for ordering the new CSFP food options. Please select a response for each food item.

|  | Ordered/distributed | Plan to order in the future | Do not plan to order |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Raisins |  |  |  |
| Vegetable Soup |  |  |  |
| Dehydrated Potatoes |  |  |  |
| Dried lentils |  |  |  |
| Canned kidney beans |  |  |  |
| Canned pinto beans |  |  |  |
| Canned black beans |  |  |  |
| Brown rice |  |  |  |
| 1 pound white rice |  |  |  |
| 1 pound dry beans |  |  |  |
| 18 ounce oatmeal canister |  |  |  |
| 2 pound grits |  |  |  |

16. For the fruit category, which option(s) does your State/program offer to clients?

1 juice and 3 units of canned fruit/raisins



2 juice and 2 units of canned fruit/raisins



Alternate between these options monthly



Individual sites choose/Don't know



17. Assuming full availability of all CSFP vegetable options, how many different types of vegetable items do you plan to include in the CSFP Food Package each month? For example, 4 cans of carrots and 4 cans of corn is considered two different types of vegetables.

1-2 different types



3-4 different types



5-6 different types



7-8 different types



Determined monthly based on availability on hand



Individual sites choose/Don't know



18. Assuming full availability of all food options, which types of plant-based protein foods do you plan to offer clients in the CSFP Food Package during the year (select all that apply)

Canned Beans



Dry Beans



Peanut Butter



Individual sites choose/Don't know



19. For the milk category, which option does your State/program offer clients?

2 Ultra High Temperature (UHT) milk



1 UHT and 1 nonfat dry milk



Alternate options monthly



Individual sites choose/Don't know



20. Please identify any areas in which your State/program site is currently experiencing challenges (check all that apply):

Warehouse slots/space needed



Inventory levels



Volunteer/staff training



Amount of time to pack boxes/bags



Managing ordering/food needs



Box/bag used does not fit all food items



Clients are concerned about the weight of the box/bag



Foods available limit our ability to offer variety



Reporting issues (e.g. FNS 153)



Other



21. On a scale of 1-5 (1= not very useful, 5= very useful), rate the training/resources (e.g. webinars, handouts) that were available to support the implementation of the enhanced CSFP Food Package.

1 [ ] 2 [ ] 3 [ ] 4 [ ] 5 [ ]

22. Please select any topic areas in which additional training/resources would be helpful to support your program operations (check all that apply)

Managing food ordering with new category flexibilities



Managing inventory



Caseload management



Understand how USDA Foods move through the system to our program



Nutrition education



Other



23. Please share any additional feedback you have for USDA about the enhanced CSFP Food Package:

