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# **Additional Questions?**

Please contact the Technical Assistance Center by email at [FILL] or by phone at XXX-XXX-XXXX between 9am and 5pm ET.

We appreciate your support in making this a successful study.





### **About The Study**

The National School Foods Study will continue the long-standing commitment of the USDA Food and Nutrition Service to assess school meal programs.

In the decade since a prior study, the school nutrition environment has undergone considerable changes, including updated nutrition standards for school meals and standards for competitive foods. These changes have affected the purchasing practices of SFAs in terms of the types, volume, and cost of foods.

Findings from the study will provide national estimates on the food purchases (quantity, type, value) made by SFAs participating in the NSLP and SBP, to understand the composition of the school food market basket, purchasing practices, and relative costs.



#### **About Study Activities**

A nationally representative sample of over 1,000 public-school SFAs will take part in the study.

#### **Selected SFAs will:**

- Participate in the Food Purchase Data webinar to learn more about the study.
- Complete an online survey about SFA food purchase practices.
- Upload food purchase data (e.g., velocity reports, vendor summaries, invoices) to the study website, and provide quarterly and annual program data.
- Receive [FILL] after completion of the web survey and submission of food purchase data. This may be used to support conference attendance or similar professional development opportunities.

## State Distributing Agencies will:

- Participate in a webinar to learn more about the study.
- Upload data on direct delivered and processed USDA Foods for sampled SFAs in selected quarters.

