

APPENDIX F
NASS COMMENTS AND FNS RESPONSE

General Comment:

As usual, this was a very well-done proposal, and it is a rehashing of prior Censuses there really isn't much to critique. Here is my list (any document that does not appear does not have issue):

- **Appendix B.3:**

There is likely a good reason for this, but just in case there isn't, "Spending on local fluid milk" on the table in Appendix B.3 does not say "NOT including USDA Foods or DoD Fresh", and based on my reading it should say that.

FNS comment: We have adjusted the document per these recommendations.

The last question in Appendix B.3 says: "In SY 2026-2027, what five local items, of any type and in any form, did your SFA spend the most on? Please include spending through entitlement funds, that is, through USDA Foods and/or USDA DoD Fresh. From what source(s) did you purchase each item? Please see above for the options for types of sources for local foods, such as directly from an individual food producer." I recommend providing some examples of what constitutes an "item".

FNS comment: We have adjusted the document per these recommendations, including by providing the full list of items that respondents will be presented on the survey.

- **Appendix B.1:**

"Use non-USDA materials as part of taste testing or educational activities" is listed as option ij for Q7 even though everything else is in alphabetical order A-Z. This option also lacks the 1245 scale all the other options have. Option 7zz and option 7ak also lack the 1245 scale and 7ak is also not in alphabetical order. 7ag also lacks the 1245 scale.

Likewise, option h (which is at the top) of the chart of Q29 does not have the 1 2 or 3 scale

FNS response: We have adjusted the document per these recommendations, with the exception of "Use non-USDA materials as part of taste testing or educational activities." This item is placed to maximize clarity for the respondent in reading the survey. The question numbering is for internal use and will not be seen by the respondent.

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