



## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### The Emergency Food Assistance Program; Availability of Foods for Fiscal Year 2026

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the surplus and purchased foods that the Department expects to make available for donation to States for use in providing nutrition assistance to the needy under The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. The foods made available under this notice must, at the discretion of the State, be distributed to eligible recipient agencies (ERAs) for use in preparing meals and/or for distribution to households for home consumption.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the provisions set forth in the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (EFAA), 7 U.S.C. 7501, *et seq.*, and the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 2036, the Department makes foods available to States for use in providing nutrition assistance to those in need through TEFAP. In accordance with section 214 of the EFAA, 7 U.S.C. 7515, funding for TEFAP foods is allocated among States according to a formula that accounts for poverty and unemployment levels within each State. Section 214(a)(1) of the Act requires that 60 percent of each State's allocation be based on the number of people with incomes below the poverty level within the State; and Section 214(a)(2) requires that the remaining 40 percent be equal to the percentage of the nation's unemployed persons within the State. State officials are responsible for establishing the network through which the foods will be used by ERAs in providing nutrition assistance to those in need and for allocating foods among

those ERAs. States have full discretion in determining the amount of foods that will be made available to ERAs for use in preparing meals and/or for distribution to households for home consumption.

### Surplus Foods

Surplus foods donated for distribution under TEFAP are Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) foods purchased under the authority of section 416 of the Agricultural Act of 1949, 7 U.S.C. 1431 (section 416) and foods purchased under the surplus removal authority of section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935, 7 U.S.C. 612c (section 32). The types of foods typically purchased under section 416 include dairy, grains, oils, and peanut products. The types of foods purchased under section 32 include meat, poultry, fish, vegetables, dry beans, juices, and fruits.

Approximately \$358 million in surplus foods acquired in FY 2025 are being delivered to States in FY 2026. Surplus foods currently scheduled for delivery in FY 2026 include apple products, apricots, asparagus, beans, blackberries, cherries, cranberries, dates, fish, grapes, hazelnuts, lentils, oranges, peaches, pears, pecans, pistachios, plums, raisins, raspberries, shrimp, and strawberries. Other surplus foods may be made available to TEFAP throughout the year. The Department would like to point out that food acquisitions are based on changing agricultural market conditions; therefore, the availability of foods is subject to change.

### Purchased Foods

In accordance with section 27 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 2036, the Secretary is directed to purchase an estimated \$465.2 million worth of foods in FY 2026 for distribution through TEFAP.

For FY 2026, the Department anticipates purchasing the foods listed in the following table for distribution through TEFAP. The amounts of each item purchased will depend on the prices the Department must pay, as well as the quantity of each item requested by the States. Changes in

agricultural market conditions may result in the availability of additional types of foods or the non-availability of one or more foods listed in the table.

**FY 2026 USDA Foods Available List for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)**

<b>FRUITS</b>	<b>VEGETABLES</b>
Apples, Braeburn, Fresh Apples, Empire, Fresh Apples, Fuji, Fresh Apples, Gala, Fresh Apples, Granny Smith, Fresh Apples, Red Delicious, Fresh Apples, Fresh Apple Juice, 100%, Unsweetened Apple Slices, Unsweetened, Frozen (IQF) Applesauce, Unsweetened, Canned (K) Applesauce, Unsweetened, Cups, Shelf-Stable Apricots, Halves, Extra Light Syrup, Canned Blueberries, Highbush, Unsweetened, Frozen Cherry Apple Juice, 100%, Unsweetened Cranberry Apple Juice, 100%, Unsweetened Cranberries, Dried, Individual Portion Grape Juice, Concord, 100%, Unsweetened Grapefruit Juice, 100%, Unsweetened Fruit and Nut Mix, Dried Mixed Fruit, Extra Light Syrup, Canned Oranges, Fresh Orange Juice, 100%, Unsweetened Peaches, Freestone, Slices, Frozen Peaches, Sliced, Extra Light Syrup, Canned Pears, Bartlett, Fresh Pears, Bosc, Fresh Pears, D'Anjou, Fresh Pears, Fresh Pears, Extra Light Syrup, Canned (K) Plums, Pitted, Dried Raisins, Unsweetened, Individual Portion Raisins, Unsweetened Strawberries, Whole, Unsweetened, Frozen (IQF)	Beans, Green, Low-sodium, Canned (K) Beans, Green, No Salt Added, Frozen Carrots, Diced, No Salt Added, Frozen Carrots, Sliced, Low-sodium, Canned Corn, Whole Kernel, No Salt Added, Canned (K) Corn, Cream Style, Low-sodium, Canned Corn, Whole Kernel, No Salt Added, Frozen Mixed Produce Box, Fresh Mixed Vegetables, 7-Way Blend, Low-sodium, Canned Peas, Green, Low-sodium, Canned Peas, Green, No Salt Added, Frozen Potatoes, Dehydrated Flakes Potatoes, Round, Fresh Potatoes, Russet, Fresh Potatoes, Sliced, Low-sodium, Canned Pumpkin, No Salt Added, Canned Spaghetti Sauce, Low-sodium, Canned Spinach, Low-sodium, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Fresh Tomato Juice, 100%, Low-sodium Tomato Sauce, Low-sodium, Canned Tomato Sauce, Low-sodium, Canned (K) (H) Tomato Soup, Condensed, Low-sodium, Canned Tomatoes, Diced, No Salt Added, Canned Vegetable Soup, Condensed, Low-Sodium, Canned
<b>DAIRY</b>	<b>LEGUMES</b>
Cheese, American, Reduced Fat, Loaves, Refrigerated Cheese, Cheddar, Yellow, Shredded, Refrigerated Cheese, Cheddar, Yellow, Chunks, Refrigerated Milk, 1%, Shelf-Stable UHT Milk, 1%, Individual Portion, Shelf-Stable UHT Milk 1% Fresh Milk, Skim, Fresh Yogurt, High-Protein, Vanilla, Chilled (K) Yogurt, High-Protein, Blueberry, Chilled (K) Yogurt, High-Protein, Strawberry, Chilled (K)	Beans, Black, Low-sodium, Canned Beans, Black, Dry Beans, Black-eyed Pea, Low-sodium, Canned Beans, Black-eyed Pea, Dry Beans, Garbanzo, Canned (K) Beans, Great Northern, Dry Beans, Kidney, Light Red, Low-sodium, Canned Beans, Kidney, Light Red, Dry Beans, Lima, Baby, Dry Beans, Pinto, Low-sodium, Canned Beans, Pinto, Dry Beans, Refried, Low-sodium, Canned Beans, Vegetarian, Low-sodium, Canned Lentils, Dry Peas, Green Split, Dry

<b>FY 2026 USDA Foods Available List for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) (cont.)</b>	
<b>PROTEIN FOODS</b>	<b>GRAINS</b>
Alaska Pollock, Fillets, Frozen	Bakery Mix, Low-fat (K)
Alaska Pollock, Whole Grain Breaded Fish Sticks, Frozen	Cereal, Ready-to-Eat
Almonds, Natural, Whole, Shelled	Cereal, Wheat Farina, Enriched
Atlantic Haddock, Fillet, Frozen	Crackers, Unsalted
Atlantic Ocean Perch, Fillet, Frozen	Cornmeal, Yellow
Atlantic, Pollock, Fillet, Frozen	Flour, All Purpose, Enriched, Bleached
Beef, Canned/Pouch	Flour, White Whole Wheat (WG)
Beef, Fine Ground, 85% Lean/15% Fat, Frozen	Grits, Corn, White
Beef Stew, Canned/Pouch	Grits, Corn, Yellow
Catfish, Fillets, Farm-Raised, Frozen	Oats, Rolled, Quick Cooking (WG)
Catfish, Filets, Wild-Caught, Frozen	Pasta, Egg Noodles
Chicken, Boneless Breast, Frozen	Pasta, Macaroni, Enriched
Chicken, Canned	Pasta, Macaroni (WG)
Chicken, Drumsticks, Frozen	Pasta, Macaroni and Cheese
Chicken, Pouch	Pasta, Rotini (WG)
Chicken, Split Breast, Frozen	Pasta, Spaghetti, Enriched
Chicken, Whole, Frozen	Pasta, Spaghetti (WG)
Eggs, Fresh	Rice, Brown, Long-Grain, Parboiled (WG)
Egg Mix, Dried	Rice, Medium Grain
Peanut Butter, Smooth	Rice, Long Grain
Peanut Butter, Smooth (K)	Tortillas, Frozen (WG)
Peanut Butter, Smooth, Individual Portion	<b>OILS</b>
Peanuts, Roasted, Unsalted	Oil, Vegetable
Pork, Canned/Pouch	<b>OTHER</b>
Pork, Ham, Frozen	Soup, Cream of Chicken, Condensed, Reduced Sodium
Pork, Chops, Boneless, Frozen	Soup, Cream of Mushroom, Condensed, Reduced Sodium
Salmon, Pink, Canned	
Salmon, Pink, Canned (K)	
Turkey, Deli Breast, Sliced, Frozen	
Walnut, Pieces	
<b>KEY:</b>	
H- Halal Certification Required	
K- Kosher Certification Required	
IQF- Individually Quick Frozen	
UHT- Ultra-High Temperature Pasteurization	
WG – Whole Grain	

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