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SPECIAL **COVID-19 UPDATE**
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USDA Announces Additional Food Purchases

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced details of \$470 million in Section 32 food purchases to occur in the third quarter of fiscal year 2020, in addition to purchases previously announced, which will enable USDA to purchase surplus food for distribution to communities nationwide. These Section 32 purchases will provide additional support for producers and Americans in need, in response to changing market conditions caused by the COVID-19 national emergency.

Please read the [announcement](#) which includes more details and a list of purchase amounts for specific commodities that include a wide variety of fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy and seafood products.

According to the announcement, purchases are determined by industry requests, market analysis and food bank needs. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will begin issuing solicitations in June and intends to begin deliveries in July.

Details on how vendors may participate are available on the [Selling Food to USDA](#) page on the AMS website. Solicitations will be posted to the [AMS Open Purchases Request website](#) once available. Industry requests for future purchases using Section 32 funds, including potential plans for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2020, will be assessed on an ongoing basis.

The announcement also outlines additional USDA programs. Included in these, USDA plans to purchase 100 percent American-grown and produced agricultural products totaling \$4.89 billion for the remainder of this fiscal year in support of American agriculture and people as follows:

- \$3 Billion in purchases through the Farmers to Families Food Box Program
- \$850 million through the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- \$573.6 million through the Support Program for Farmers, which includes plans to purchase \$1.4 billion in agricultural products produced by U.S. farmers, ranchers and producers suffering from damage due to unjustified trade retaliation by foreign nations and \$573.6 million in remaining food purchases provided to states for distribution to the network of food banks and food pantries that participate in TEFAP.

Updated County Ordinances

Ordinances in various counties continue to be updated based on revised directives from the Governor and other factors. AAMSI is working through our network contacts to keep you updated on these changes. Please [use this new spreadsheet](#) with links to individual county ordinances updated April 30, 2020. We urge you to check for changes to ordinances in the counties where you operate.



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