



# Food Distribution Program Foundations: Department of Defense (DoD) Fresh Program

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- The training you are about to take does not cover the entire scope of the program; and that
- You are responsible for knowing and understanding all handbooks, manuals, alerts, notices, and guidance, as well as any other forms of communication that provide further guidance, clarification, or instruction on operating the program.





# Course Introduction

Course Outline and  
Objectives





Foundations:  
Forecasting  
Course Outline

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## **USDA DoD Fresh Overview**

Understanding the DoD Fresh Program

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## **DoD Program Operation**

Understanding how the DoD program operates

03

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

Roles in the DoD program for all key areas

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## **Advantages & Challenges**

Advantages and Challenges of the USDA DoD Fresh program

# Course Objectives and Outcomes

**By the end of this course, participants will be able to:**

- Understand the USDA DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program.
- Understand how the USDA DoD Fresh program operates.
- Understand the roles and responsibilities each area plays in the DoD Fresh Program.
- Understand the Advantages and challenges associated with the DoD Fresh Program.



# 01

## **Department of Defense=DoD Fresh Program Overview**

# DoD Fresh Program:

- USDA Food & Nutrition Service (FNS)
- DoD Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)
- State Distributing Agencies (SDAs)
- Recipient Agencies (RAs)
- USDA DoD Fresh Produce Vendors



# States and School Districts can choose to use their USDA foods entitlement funds 3 different ways:



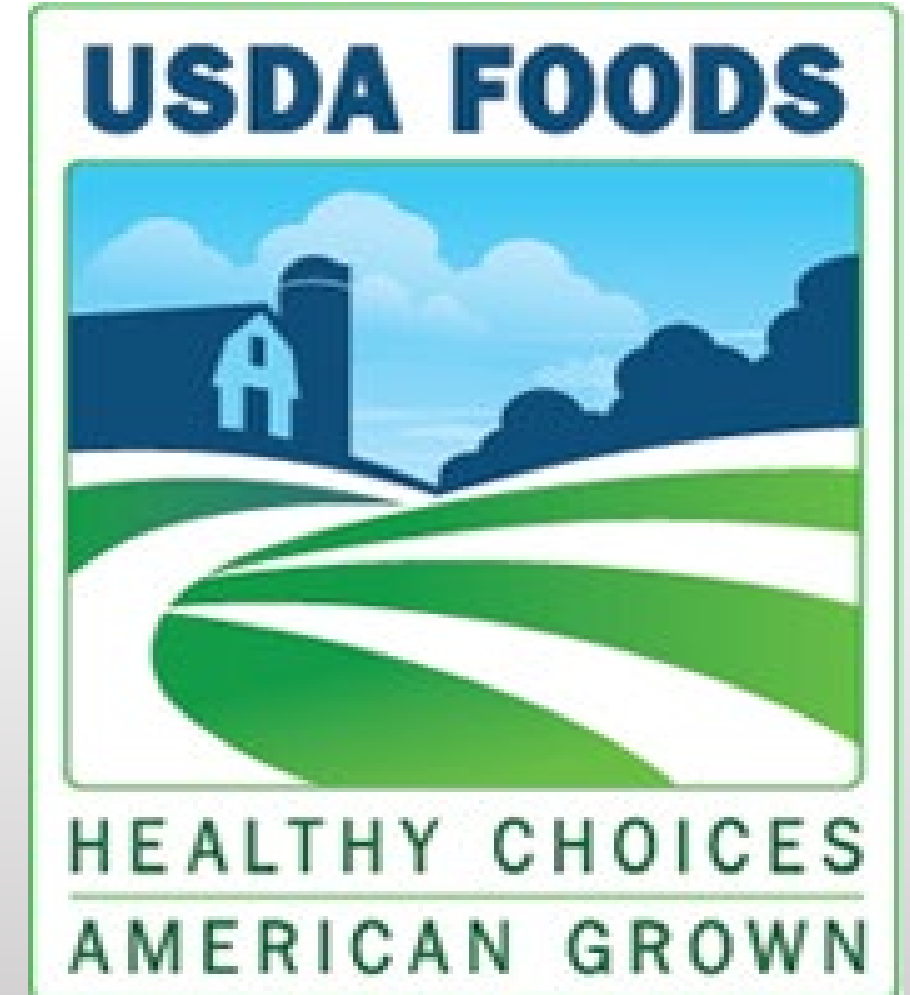
1. Direct Delivery of USDA Foods



2. Bulk USDA Foods for further processing




3. **USDA DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program**





# What is the USDA DoD Fresh Program?

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- Department of Defense (DoD) Fresh Fruit and vegetable program was authorized in August of 1995.



**The USDA Foods DoD Fresh Program plays a significant role in promoting healthy eating habits among school-aged children.**




# Who can Participate In the DoD Fresh Program??





# DoD Fresh Program and NSLP

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**NSLP = National  
School Lunch  
Program**



# DoD Program Benefits:

# What does the USDA DoD Fresh program offer to participants?







**Participating in the  
USDA Foods DoD  
Fresh Program is a  
Great Choice!**

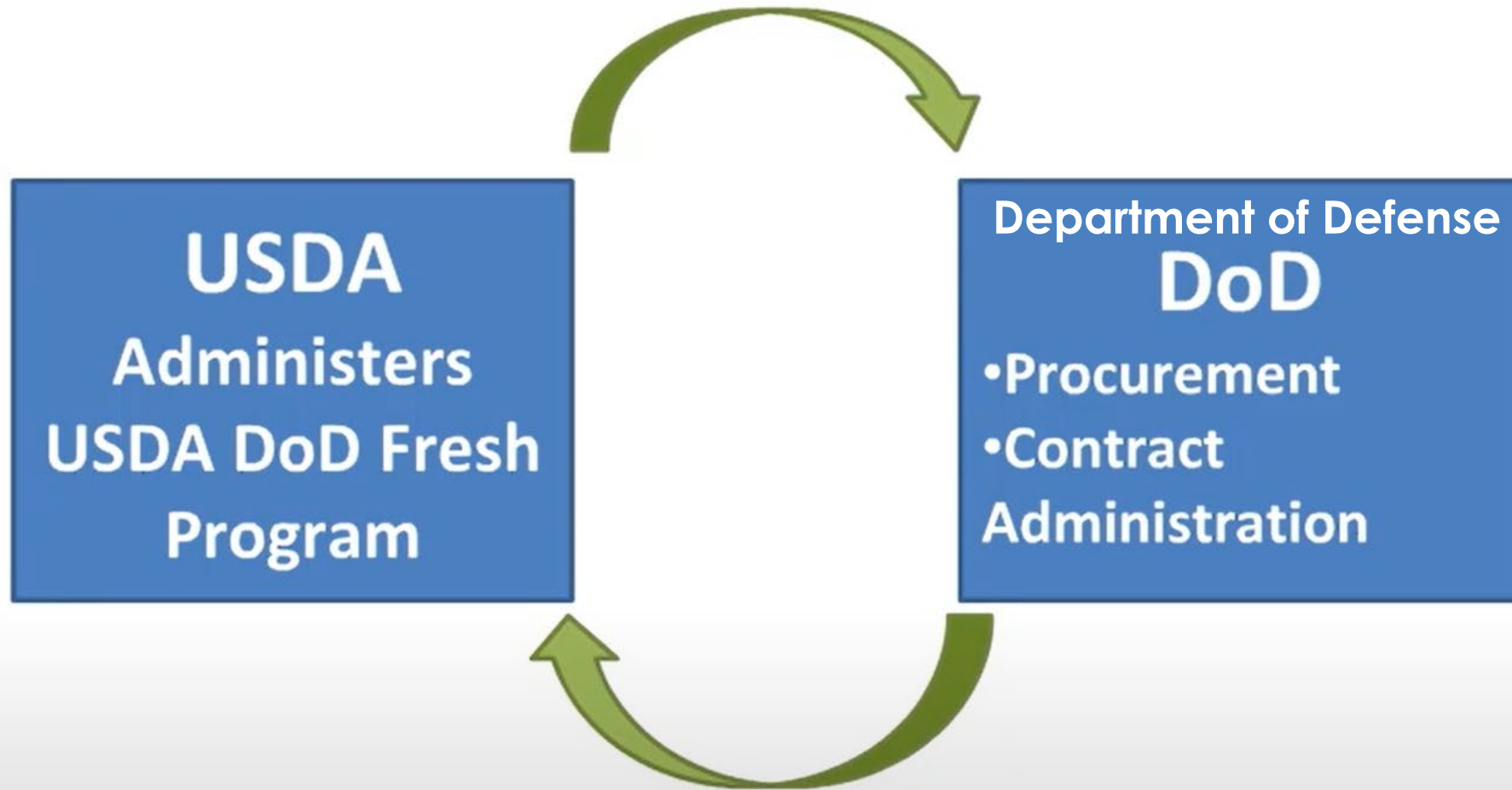


A person wearing a red and white plaid shirt is working in a field. The background shows green plants and a blue sky with clouds. A large green overlay covers the center of the image, containing the number '02' and the title 'USDA DoD Fresh Program Operation'.

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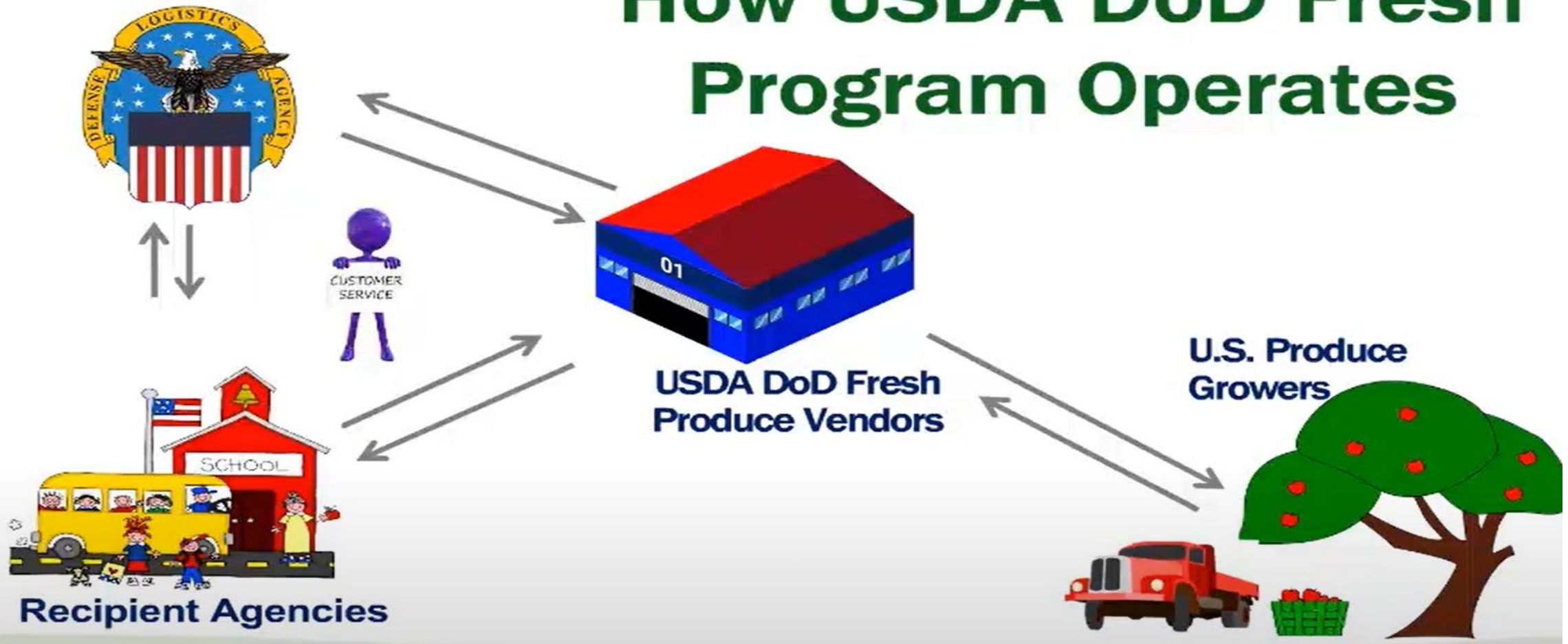
**USDA DoD Fresh  
Program Operation**

# USDA DoD Fresh Program





# How USDA DoD Fresh Program Operates



# USDA DoD Fresh Program Vendors are responsible for the following:



Procurement



Invoicing



Storage



Distribution

# How do schools receive their DoD?

## Step 1.

Produce vendors update the produce items, and the prices in the FFAVORS system catalog regularly.

## Step 2.

Schools Place their produce order(s) in the FFAVORS system.

## Step 3.

Vendors deliver the produce items that were ordered from the FFAVORS system.

## Step 4.

Schools must receive their orders into the FFAVORS system within 5 days.

**\*\*Important\*\***



# FFAVORS:

 An official website of the United States government [Here's how you know](#) ▾

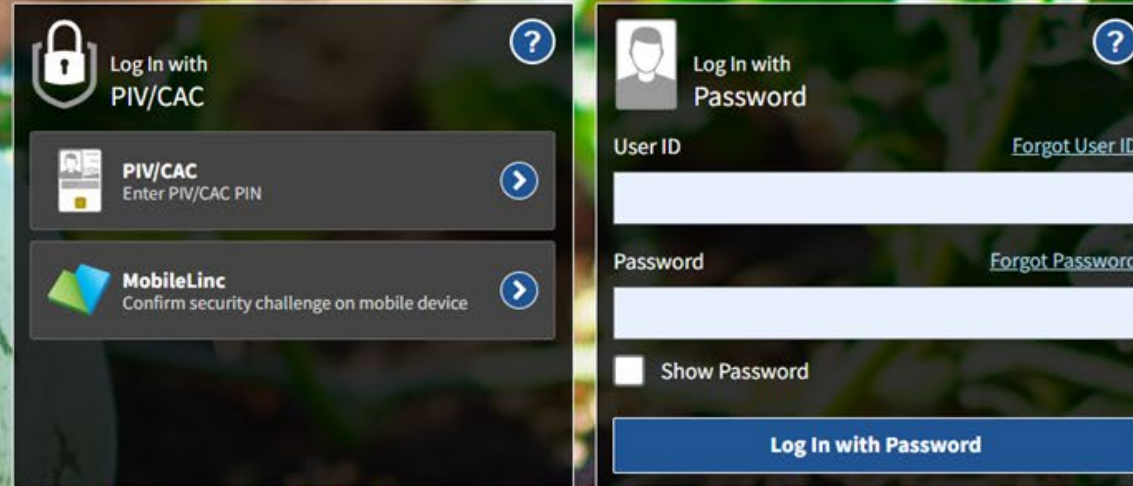
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




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## Coming in September - Changes to eAuth ✕


The changes to eAuth to accept new logon options are coming soon. [Learn more here.](#)



**Log In with PIV/CAC** 

 **PIV/CAC**  
Enter PIV/CAC PIN 

 **MobileLinc**  
Confirm security challenge on mobile device 

**Log In with Password** 

User ID [Forgot User ID](#)

Password [Forgot Password](#)

Show Password

**Log In with Password**

  
Create Account

  
Update Account

  
Find Help

### Warning

Upon login you agree to the following information:



# FFAVORS –state of Origin

<u>ITEM CD</u>	<u>STOCK NUMBER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>UNIT OF ISSUE</u>	<u>UNITS PER CASE</u>	<u>PRODUCT PRICE \$</u>	<u>COST PRICE \$</u>	<u>SOURCE OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>STATE OF ORIGIN</u>
14F08	891501E050209	ORANGES FR 113-125 CT 40 LB CS	LB	40	40.00	42.35	DOMESTIC	CA
14F14	891501E050215	APPLES FR G/D 125-138 CT 40 LB CS	LB	40	33.50	35.85	DOMESTIC	MI, WA
14J41	891501E050384	WATERMELON FR SDLS 2 CT 20-22 LB CS	LB	21	20.00	22.35	DOMESTIC	FL
14M10	891501E050354	APPLES FR R/D 125-138 CT 40 LB CS	LB	40	33.50	35.85	DOMESTIC	MI, WA
14P12	891501E050012	PEARS FR ANY US#1 100-150 CT 44 LB CS	LB	44	36.50	38.85	DOMESTIC	OR, WA
14P36	891501E050123	GRAPES RED SDLS US#1 1/18 LB CS	LB	18	36.50	38.85	DOMESTIC	CA
15A20	891501E050900	CELERY FR 3 CT 5 LB BG	LB	5	5.50	7.85	DOMESTIC	CA
15A62	891501E050932	ONIONS YEL CHL DICE 5 LB BG	LB	5	10.50	12.85	DOMESTIC	ID
15D41	891501E051025	SALAD MIX CHL ROMAINE BLEND 4/5 LB BG	LB	20	20.85	23.20	DOMESTIC	CA
15D44	891501E051028	LETTUCE CHL ROMAINE CHOP 6/2 LB BG	LB	12	21.85	24.20	DOMESTIC	CA
15N54	891501E051101	CARROTS CHL STICK 5 LB BG	LB	5	14.80	17.15	DOMESTIC	CA
15O14	891501E052164	CARROTS CHL BABY WHL 30/1 LB BG	LB	30	28.00	30.35	DOMESTIC	CA
15P31	891501E051165	CARROTS CHL COIN 5 LB BG	LB	5	11.50	13.85	DOMESTIC	CA
15P35	891501E051169	PEPPERS GRN FR SWT BELL LG 25 LB CS	LB	25	30.00	32.35	DOMESTIC	FL
15P55	891501E051188	CELERY CHL STICKS 5 LB CS	LB	5	12.74	15.09	DOMESTIC	CA
15P71	891501E051204	TOMATO GRAPE 12/1 PT CO 10 LB CS	LB	10	12.35	14.70	DOMESTIC	FL
15PO9	891501E050499	APPLES FR FUJI 125 CT 40 LB CS	LB	40	33.50	35.85	DOMESTIC	MI
15Q10	891501E051227	BROCCOLI FLORETS CHL 2/3 LB BG	LB	6	25.50	27.85	DOMESTIC	CA
15R29	891501E051302	STRAWBERRY CLAMSHELL 8/1 LB CO	CS	1	22.00	24.35	DOMESTIC	CA, FL
15W83	891501E051424	APPLES FR GALA 113-125 CT 40 LB CS	LB	40	33.50	35.85	DOMESTIC	MI, WA

\*From the USDA History of USDA DoD Fresh program.



# What happens if I don't use all my DoD Fresh Entitlement?

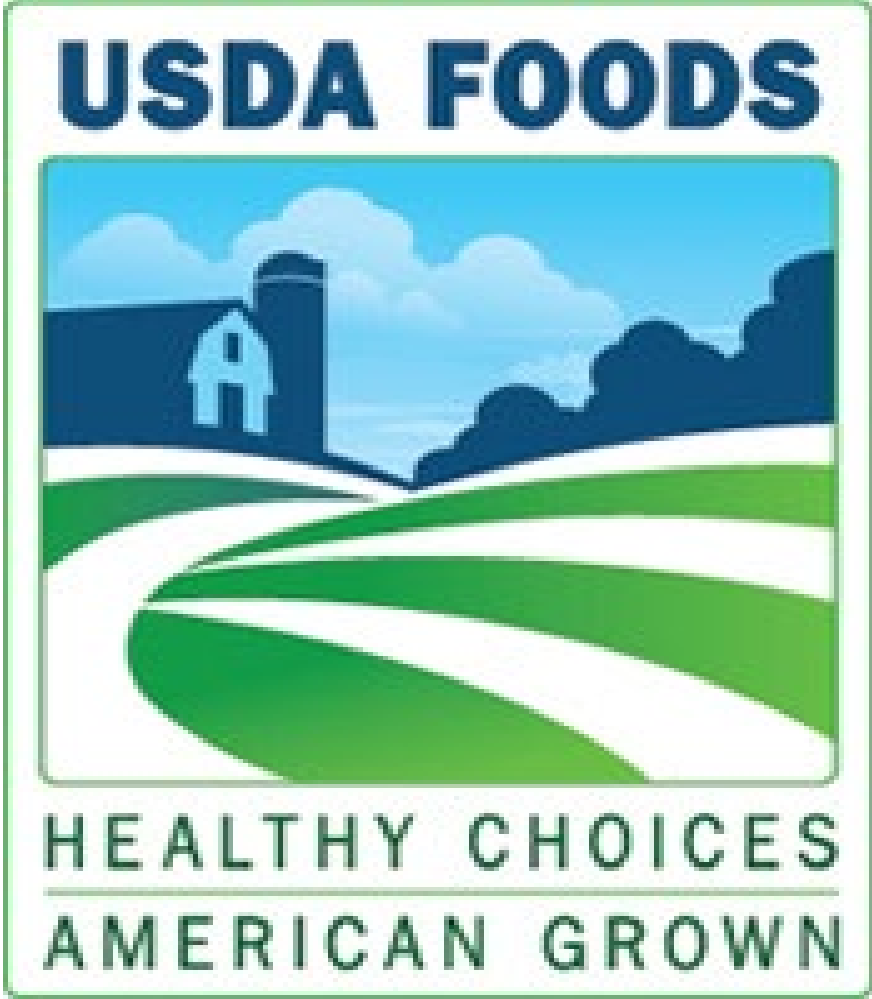






**Will I receive an  
invoice for the  
produce I receive?**

# What are the Receipting Requirements?



# ACTIVITY:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Spicy Chicken Sandwiches	Pepperoni Or Cheese Pizza W/ Garlic Knot	Cheese Enchiladas W/ Rice	Corn Dogs	Fish sticks W/ Roll



A photograph of a person's hands holding several potatoes in a field. The person is wearing a red and white plaid shirt. The background shows a vast field of green potato plants under a blue sky with light clouds. A large, semi-transparent green rectangle is overlaid on the image, containing the number '03' in a large, light green font. Below the number, the title 'Roles and Responsibilities in the DoD Fresh Program' is written in a bold, white font.

# 03

## **Roles and Responsibilities in the DoD Fresh Program**

# USDA Food & Nutrition Service (FNS) Responsibilities:

- **Responsible for administering the USDA DoD Fresh Program.**





# Department of Defense (DoD) Responsibilities:

- **Responsible for notifying all parties of the soliciting, evaluating, and awarding of contracts.**



# Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Responsibilities:

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- **Communicate the DoD Fresh Program to CEs across the state.**



# Recipient agency (RA) Responsibilities:

- **Place orders in FFAVORS that meet the minimum order requirements.**





# Produce Vendor Responsibilities:

- **Uploading weekly catalog of US grown fruits and vegetables to include state of origin and pricing.**



A person wearing a red and white plaid shirt is shown from the waist down, holding several potatoes in their hands. They are standing in a field of green potato plants. A large, bright green number '04' is overlaid on the center of the image. The background shows a vast field of potato plants under a blue sky with light clouds.

# 04

## **Advantages & Challenges of DoD Fresh Program**



## Advantages of the DoD Fresh:



**Flexibility**



**Consistency/Frequency**



**Quality**



**Variety**

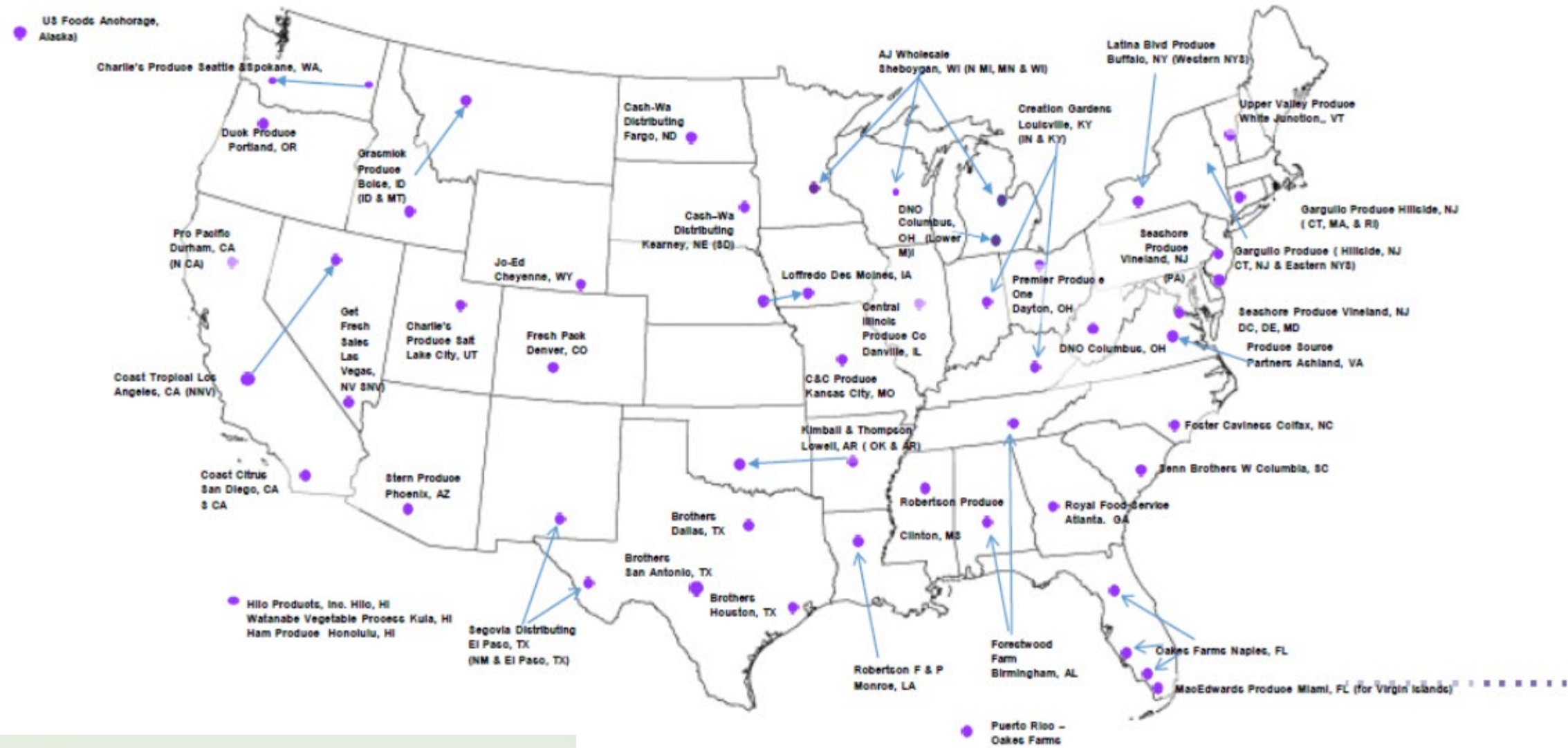


**Produce is Locally Grown!**



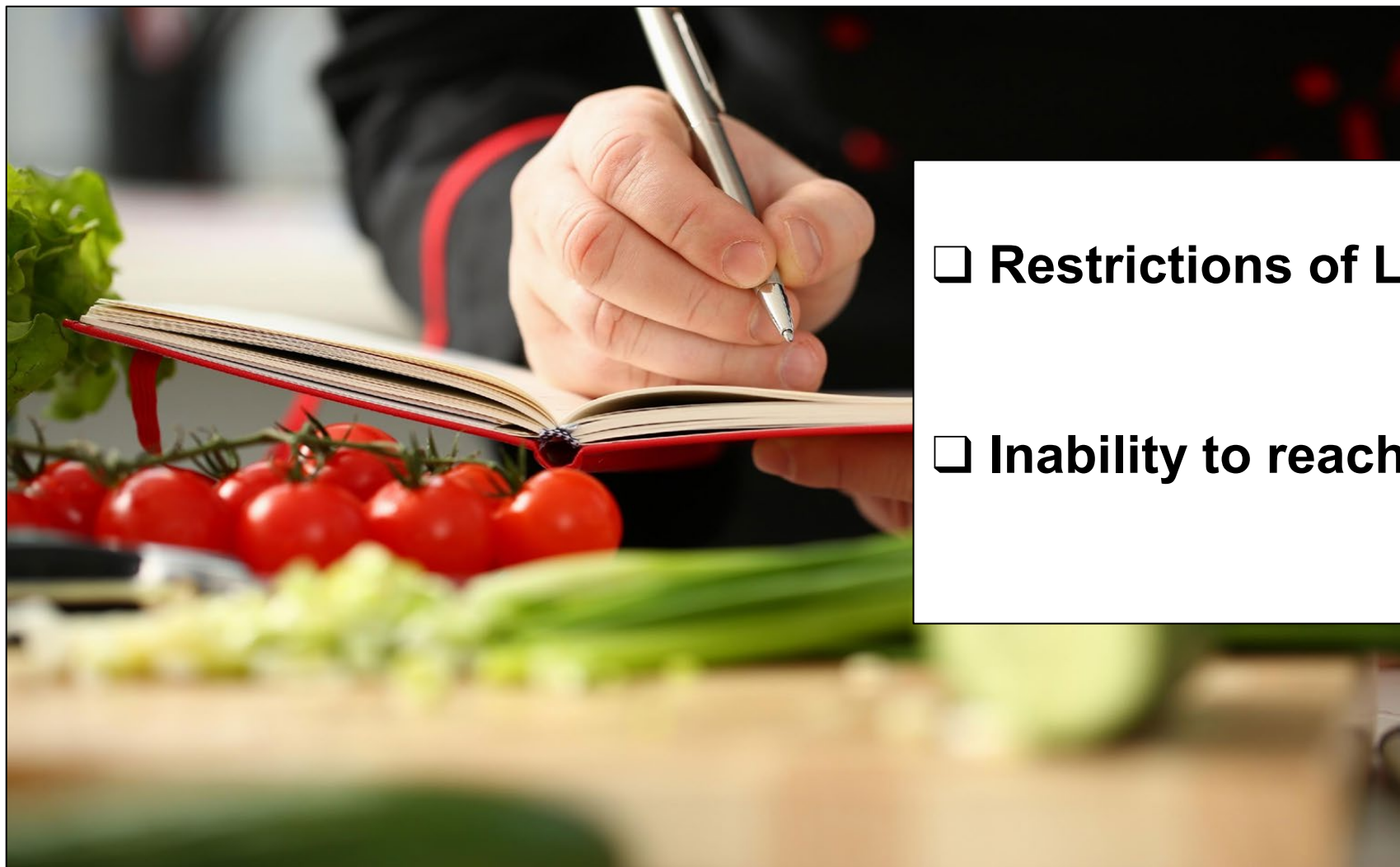


# USDA DoD Fresh Produce Vendors



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## Challenges of the DoD Fresh Program:



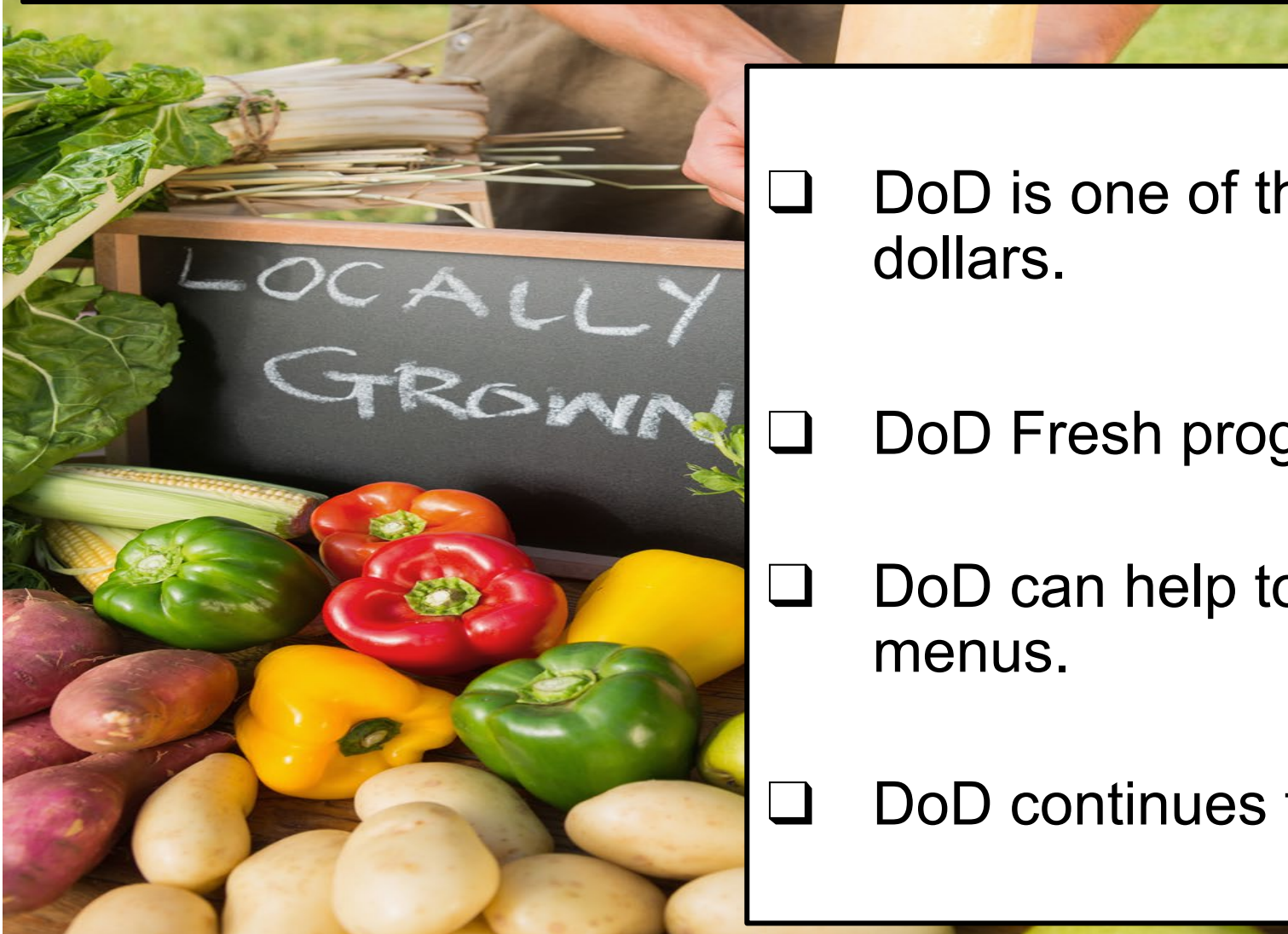
- Restrictions of Long-term contracts.**
- Inability to reach ALL districts.**



# Summary



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- DoD is one of three ways to spend entitlement dollars.
- DoD Fresh program has many advantages.
- DoD can help to add fresh produce to your menus.
- DoD continues to increase every year.



# Questions?



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