



Food Safety & Commercial Distribution

Schools that decide to pick up USDA foods from a commercial distributor must take note of the following food safety practices:

- Vehicles being used to pick up USDA foods must meet food safety industry standards also observed by commercial food distributors. Vehicles should be used only for intended purpose and must have both sanitary and pest control procedures.
- When you pick up food that includes USDA foods requiring different temperature controls (e.g frozen and dry), you must use bulkhead dividers to separate products, ie frozen from chilled, chilled from dry, and dry from frozen.
- As much as possible, transport USDA foods using temperature-controlled refrigerated vehicles that meet USDA standards such as: Frozen foods at 0 – 10 °F and Chilled foods at 35 – 45 °F at time of delivery. Dry foods should be delivered dry at 50 – 70 °F.
- For more information: see following websites: USDA FSIS:
 - http://www.fsis.usda.gov/oa/topics/transportguide.htm
- National Food Service Management Institute: http://www.nfsmi.org/ResourceOverview.aspx?ID=75

TX-UNPS - Phase III

The Texas Commodity System (TCS) will be "laid to rest" at the end of calendar year 2011. And sometime January 2012, it will be brought to life through the TDA single automation system called the Texas Unified Nutrition Program System (TX-UNPS). Look for more information at http://TXUNPS.TexasAgriculture.gov/ as we begin Phase III.



TDA Commercial Distribution Contacts:

Region 1 & 2: Dallas/Longview

PFS Grand Prairie

Earlene McClendon: 800-687-3202

emcclendon@pilgrimspride.com

Region 3: Houston

Glazier Foods Company

Pam Aaron: 800-989-6411

pamaaron@glazierfoods.com

Region 4: San Antonio

San Antonio/Capital Area Food Banks

Erika Borrego: 800-246-9121

eborrego@safoodbank.org

Region 5: McAllen

JBS Trading International, Inc.

Pat Zamora: 800-499-2777

Patricia.Zamora@jbss.com

Region 6: Lubbock

U. S. Foodservice

Lee Ruth Johnson: 800-366-5204

Direct: 806-767-8302

Lee.Johnson@usfood.com

Region 7: El Paso

Dee's FoodService

Albert Flores: 866-322-4759

Direct: 915-595-3500

AFlores@deesfoodservice.com