

Agreement Number: <span style="background-color: yellow; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 15px;"></span>  Local Education Agency:  USDA FOODS Entitlement:	 <p>205 Jefferson Street, P.O. Box 480 • Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480 • dese.mo.gov</p>
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### Estimated Entitlement for USDA Foods during School Year 2022-2023

Agreement Number:	Local Education Agency (LEA): #N/A	
Total Lunches Served (TLS): #N/A	Entitlement: #N/A	Per Meal Rate (federal register) \$ 0.3975

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Food & Nutrition Services (FNS), estimates each Local Education Agency's (LEAs) USDA Foods entitlement for the upcoming school year. The estimated entitlement is calculated by multiplying Total Lunches Served (TLS) during the previous school year by the USDA per meal rate published in the Federal Register. Under Section 6(e)(1) of the National School Lunch Act, the Secretary of USDA must ensure 12% of assistance for the National School Lunch Program assistance is in the form of USDA Foods. In order to meet the 12% provision for SY 22-23 USDA has increased entitlement amounts by \$0.1025 per meal for an effective per meal rate of \$0.3975.

For the current school year, Missouri opted into the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Opt-in Waiver for National School Lunch Program USDA Foods Entitlement Calculations which impacts the SY22-23 entitlement. Under this waiver entitlement will be determined by calculating the SY18-19 TLS by the USDA per meal rate published.

USDA Foods are accessible to Missouri LEAs on our annual USDA Foods Packet through non processed USDA Brown Box items, DoD Fresh, or through processed items. The Annual USDA Foods Packet is filled out annually by each LEA and is due back to DESE – FNS in February to determine the items to be received during the subsequent school year. This annual USDA Foods Packet is the only time DESE – FNS will survey for USDA Food requests and must be submitted by each LEA desiring to receive USDA Foods.

If you have any questions, please contact the DESE – FNS office at 573-751-7253 or [donatedfoods@dese.mo.gov](mailto:donatedfoods@dese.mo.gov).

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