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FROM: DESE School Food Services-Commodities

Good Afternoon –

DESE – SFS has a couple of updates to the USDA Foods Packet we would like bring to everyone’s attention.

1st the good news. MORE MONEY\$!\$! DESE – SFS received an Email on 2/6/13 from USDA informing that USDA will be exercising the 12% provision and increasing Entitlements for SY 13-14. This increase means each LEA will have additional funds for USDA Foods next school year. The ‘SY 13-14 USDA Foods Packet Order Forms’ Excel file has been updated on the [USDA Foods Packet SY 13-14](#) Web page with your LEAs new Revised Packet Entitlement. Comparison of Original vs. Revised Packet Entitlement can be found in the [USDA Foods Packet 13-14 TLS & Entitlement](#) document also posted.

2nd bit of info. Echo Lake Foods unfortunately experienced a [fire](#) which destroyed their production facility. Echo Lake Foods will no longer be processing egg products for MO schools for SY 13-14.

The Revised ‘SY 13-14 USDA Foods Packet Order Forms’ have Echo Lake Foods removed from the order forms and the increase in Entitlement. LEAs who have already completed their Packet and submitted can *either* keep their previous elections and disregard this message, *or* they can complete a Revised Packet to order additional USDA Foods and resubmit. DESE – SFS will only delete the Packets already received if new Revised Packets are received to replace the Original Packet.

For LEAs who have been working on the Packet, there are a couple options. Work can continue in the Original Packet and your LEA can utilize Packet Entitlement equal to the Revised Entitlement Amount. The amount of Entitlement Used is listed in cell D84 on the TOTALS tab of the ‘SY 13-14 USDA Foods Packet Order Forms’ file. The other (*preferred*) option is to transfer your work into the Revised ‘SY 13-14 USDA Foods Packet Order Forms’. The Revised Packet is identical to the Original Packet except Echo Lake Foods is no longer listed. Using the Revised Packet would allow for the Remaining Entitlement calculation to be accurate and would likely be less confusing, but is not required.

If you have any questions, please contact the DESE – SFS Donated Foods team and we will be happy to assist. Enjoy the EXTRA Entitlement\$!\$! Have a great weekend –