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**SUBJECT:** Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): Final Caseload Assignments for the 2012 Caseload Cycle, and Administrative Grants

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On November 18, 2011, President Obama signed the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2012, which provides \$176.8 million in funding to CSFP. Given increased food costs, resources available at this time are sufficient to support a nationwide caseload level of 599,380. Although this level represents a reduction from the 2011 national caseload level of 604,931, the new caseload level is equal to "base" caseload for all currently participating States.

### **Final Caseload Assignments**

In accordance with CSFP regulations, the 2012 base caseload calculation for all States is equal to the greater of (1) average monthly participation for the previous fiscal year (FY) or (2) average monthly participation for the last quarter of the previous FY. Although CSFP regulations permit September-only participation data to be used to determine base caseload in certain circumstances, these regulatory criteria were not met for 2012. For all CSFP States, calculated base caseload for 2012 cannot be greater than total assigned caseload for 2011.

Since all available resources must be dedicated to sustaining base caseload for currently participating States, we cannot approve additional caseload requests for currently participating States or add new States to the program this caseload cycle.

### **Caseload Use and Food Orders in 2012**

As provided above, each State's FY 2011 program participation is supported in the 2012 final caseload allocations. However, for several States, actual program participation was less than authorized 2011 caseload. These States are receiving less caseload in 2012. Furthermore, many States are currently using more than their new caseload assignments due to participation increases in recent months. CSFP regulations require States to ensure that program participation

levels do not exceed assigned caseloads on an average monthly basis. **In order to ensure sufficient resources are available to serve CSFP participants throughout the upcoming year, such States are expected to reduce participation to reflect 2012 final caseload levels as soon as possible.**

Due to the limited resources available to support the program and potential further food price increases, it is crucial that States use caseload and USDA Foods in the most efficient manner possible. **Food and Nutrition Service Regional Offices (FNSROs) will very closely and constantly monitor States' year-to-date participation levels and food orders. FNSROs will reduce food orders to ensure that States do not exceed their assigned caseload or over-order USDA Foods, thus depriving other States of needed resources.**

#### **Administrative Grant per Assigned Caseload Slot**

The Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973, as amended, mandates a grant per assigned caseload slot to be adjusted each FY to reflect inflation. The mandatory grant per assigned caseload slot for FY 2012 is \$70.14.

The attached chart displays final caseload assignments and administrative grants for each State. CSFP State agencies should address questions or comments to their FNSROs, which may in turn contact Michelle Waters or Ashley Bress at (703) 305-2662.



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Attachment

**CSFP Caseload and Administrative Funding - 2012**

Admin. Grant/Slot/Year:	\$70.14	Final Base/Total Caseload:	599,380
Grant/Slot/Month:	\$5,845.00		
Grant/Slot/Oct.-Dec.:	\$17,535.00		
Grant/Slot/Jan.-Sept.:	\$52,605.00		

State	2011 Caseload	FY 2011 Annual Average Participation	FY 2011 Annual Average Part. %	FY 2011 Final Qtr. Average Participation	FY 2011 Final Qtr. Average Part. %	2012 Base/Total Caseload	Total Admin. Funds Allowed thru Dec. 18	Total Admin Funds FY 2012	Remaining Admin. Funds to be Allowed /a
Maine	2,985	2,928	98.08%	2,937	98.39%	2,937	\$43,875	\$206,843	\$162,968
New Hampshire	7,364	6,468	87.83%	6,232	84.63%	6,468	\$108,240	\$469,382	\$361,142
New York	33,981	33,720	99.23%	34,961	102.88%	33,981	\$499,472	\$2,383,428	\$1,883,956
Vermont	3,365	3,217	95.61%	3,227	95.90%	3,227	\$49,461	\$228,761	\$179,300
Region							\$701,048	\$3,288,414	\$2,587,366
Delaware	2,500	2,242	89.69%	2,388	95.53%	2,388	\$36,746	\$169,476	\$132,730
D.C.	6,647	6,633	99.79%	6,771	101.86%	6,647	\$97,702	\$466,220	\$368,518
New Jersey	2,985	2,889	96.78%	2,986	100.03%	2,985	\$43,875	\$209,368	\$165,493
Pennsylvania	34,588	33,794	97.70%	34,533	99.84%	34,533	\$508,394	\$2,423,092	\$1,914,698
Region							\$686,717	\$3,268,156	\$2,581,439
Georgia	2,985	2,879	96.43%	3,068	102.77%	2,985	\$43,875	\$209,368	\$165,493
Kentucky	23,630	23,012	97.39%	23,969	101.43%	23,630	\$347,327	\$1,657,408	\$1,310,081
Mississippi	9,552	9,106	95.33%	9,600	100.51%	9,552	\$140,401	\$669,977	\$529,576
North Carolina	1,142	1,135	99.39%	1,135	99.42%	1,135	\$16,786	\$79,749	\$62,963
South Carolina	5,516	5,470	99.17%	5,550	100.62%	5,516	\$81,077	\$386,892	\$305,815
Tennessee	13,513	13,591	100.58%	14,033	103.85%	13,513	\$198,621	\$947,801	\$749,180
Region							\$828,087	\$3,951,195	\$3,123,108
Illinois	17,473	16,641	95.24%	17,730	101.47%	17,473	\$256,827	\$1,225,556	\$968,729
Indiana	4,528	4,324	95.49%	4,396	97.08%	4,396	\$66,555	\$310,632	\$244,077
Michigan	80,000	77,936	97.42%	77,707	97.13%	77,936	\$1,175,885	\$5,502,645	\$4,326,760
Minnesota	15,969	15,643	97.96%	15,942	99.83%	15,942	\$234,721	\$1,118,645	\$883,924
Ohio	20,436	19,719	96.49%	21,019	102.85%	20,436	\$300,379	\$1,433,381	\$1,133,002
Red Lake	92	82	89.13%	88	95.65%	88	\$1,352	\$6,242	\$4,890
Wisconsin	10,882	10,549	96.94%	10,532	96.78%	10,549	\$159,950	\$745,724	\$585,774
Region							\$2,195,669	\$10,342,825	\$8,147,156
Arkansas	2,985	2,873	96.25%	2,985	100.00%	2,985	\$43,875	\$209,368	\$165,493
Louisiana	68,520	68,085	99.36%	66,696	97.34%	68,085	\$1,007,145	\$4,783,096	\$3,775,951
New Mexico	16,778	16,815	100.22%	16,598	98.93%	16,778	\$246,613	\$1,176,809	\$930,196
Oklahoma	2,985	2,897	97.04%	2,982	99.90%	2,982	\$43,875	\$209,210	\$165,335
Texas	33,858	32,282	95.35%	34,110	100.74%	33,858	\$497,664	\$2,374,800	\$1,877,136
Region							\$1,839,172	\$8,753,283	\$6,914,111
Colorado	18,221	17,674	97.00%	18,262	100.23%	18,221	\$267,822	\$1,278,021	\$1,010,199
Iowa	2,997	2,958	98.68%	2,991	99.81%	2,991	\$44,052	\$209,911	\$165,859
Kansas	5,156	5,025	97.45%	5,004	97.06%	5,025	\$75,786	\$354,728	\$278,942
Missouri	15,895	15,210	95.69%	16,205	101.95%	15,895	\$233,634	\$1,114,875	\$881,241
Montana	8,177	8,182	100.06%	8,177	100.00%	8,177	\$120,190	\$573,535	\$453,345
Nebraska	12,342	12,167	98.59%	12,099	98.03%	12,167	\$181,410	\$856,484	\$675,074
North Dakota	2,780	2,388	85.91%	2,056	73.94%	2,388	\$40,862	\$174,385	\$133,523
Oglala Sioux	608	601	98.83%	651	107.07%	608	\$8,936	\$42,645	\$33,709
South Dakota	4,231	4,486	106.02%	4,231	100.00%	4,231	\$62,190	\$296,763	\$234,573
Utah	2,817	1,841	65.34%	2,420	85.91%	2,420	\$41,406	\$176,700	\$135,294
Region							\$1,076,288	\$5,078,047	\$4,001,759
Alaska	2,190	2,162	98.73%	2,174	99.25%	2,174	\$32,190	\$152,748	\$120,558
Arizona	12,965	12,482	96.27%	12,944	99.84%	12,944	\$190,566	\$908,260	\$717,694
California	77,017	73,939	96.00%	76,900	99.85%	76,900	\$1,132,039	\$5,395,800	\$4,263,761
Nevada	7,321	7,164	97.86%	7,300	99.71%	7,300	\$107,608	\$512,391	\$404,783
Oregon	1,641	1,657	100.98%	1,690	102.97%	1,641	\$24,121	\$115,100	\$90,979
Washington	5,314	5,220	98.23%	5,293	99.60%	5,293	\$78,108	\$371,619	\$293,511
Region							\$1,564,632	\$7,455,918	\$5,891,286
<b>National Total</b>	<b>604,931</b>					<b>599,380</b>	<b>\$8,891,613</b>	<b>\$42,137,838</b>	<b>\$33,246,225</b>

a/ Administrative funds subject to apportionment by the Office of Management and Budget.