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School Food Distribution Program in Michigan

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) School Food Distribution Program supports American agriculture by purchasing and distributing nutritious foods to public and private schools that provide meals to students. States select entitlement foods for their schools from a list of various foods purchased by USDA and offered through the school lunch program. Bonus foods are offered only as they become available through agricultural surplus.

Michigan has participated in the Unprocessed Fruit and Vegetable Pilot since Fiscal Year (FY) 2014.

The USDA and Department of Defense (DoD) teamed up several years ago to provide schools with fresh produce purchased through DoD. Over 900 Michigan schools participate in and receive USDA Foods.

USDA Allocations to Michigan

School Food Distribution Program	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Pounds of USDA Foods Received	31,844,538	42,226,808	22,186,304	13,084,177
Value of USDA Foods	\$31,704,748	\$37,428,316	\$20,387,015	\$24,715,871
Pounds of DoD Produce Received	6,902,216	6,616,076	7,090,051	4,850,962
Value of DoD Produce Received	\$8,287,015	\$7,764,443	\$8,384,674	\$13,854,286
Pounds of Fresh Produce Pilot Foods	1,467,039	224,960	59,466	45,133
Value of Fresh Produce Pilot Foods	\$1,599,073	\$301,338	\$583,004	\$442,483
Pounds of USDA Foods for SFSP	-	-	1,320	42,997
Value of USDA Foods for SFSP	-	-	\$21,828	\$1,216,774
Pounds of Trade Mitigation Foods	-	-	1,300	5,056
Value of Trade Mitigation Foods	-	-	\$80,332	\$122,954

** Public school K-12 enrollment is typically collected from the October school meals claim submission. Many schools were using the COVID-19 Child Nutrition Waivers to operate the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) in October 2020 in place of the traditional school meal programs. Enrollment is not included in the SFSP meals claim. Therefore, the FY 2021 enrollment is instead taken from the MSDS General Collection that took place in Fall 2020.*

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