



Agricultural Marketing Service

Year in Review

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Summary of Activities

- Policy changes
- New products
- Outreach
- System improvements (WBSCM)
- Purchases



Policy

- Modified the indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity (IDIQ) program for sweet potatoes to better coincide with harvest timeframes
- Provided two IDIQ fruit and vegetable offerings earlier than in past years
- Made adjustments to FL/MI pilot program based on industry input
- Working with the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), developed the policy, procedures, and requirements for the Pilot Project for the Procurement of Unprocessed Fruit and Vegetables



New Products

We successfully introduced and purchased new products:

- Whole-grain breaded catfish strips
- Kosher canned salmon
- Frozen diced mushrooms
- Frozen diced carrots
- Dry pinto beans in bulk
- Chicken strips



Outreach

- Approved 24 new vendors
- Continued to review all purchase programs to ensure small business needs are addressed, including set-asides, adjusted the small business set-aside plan when appropriate
- Conducted outreach meetings with various interest groups



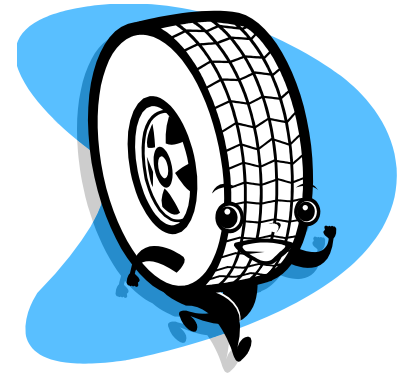
System Updates (WBSCM)

- Completed 18-month technical refresh of contracting system (WBSCM) on time and on budget
- Provided training to over 120 external users and 30 internal users on the refresh changes
- Successfully resolved over 1,200 incidents reported to the AMS help desk



Purchases

- How much did we buy?
 - 366 solicitations issued
 - 2,306 purchase orders issued
 - 62,638 invoices paid
 - \$1,458,000,000 in commodities purchased for food assistance programs
 - 1,757,000,000 pounds of commodities purchased



What will be accomplished in 2015



We need your help to continue to make process improvements

- Engage and participate
- Network with our team and your colleagues
- Stay in touch, we want to hear from you throughout the year

