Department of Defense (DoD) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Each year, all schools will have the option of spending entitlement (PAL) dollars on the DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program. During the annual order period, schools must indicate if they want to participate by first selecting “Yes” or “No” under Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Participation on the Annual Order Forms menu option on the Illinois Commodity System (ICS). The amount that can be spent is subject to the following rules: If you have less than $10,000 Beginning PAL Balance, you can use up to 100% towards DoD, if $10,000 or more Beginning PAL, you can use up to 50% of your Beginning PAL, or up to $10,000.00, whichever is more. The amount you designate to the DOD program cannot be changed after the cut-off date indicated.

DoD allocations are spent via the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Order Response System (FFAVORS). The link to FFAVORS is http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/fresh-fruits-and-vegetables-order-receipt-system-ffavors. Orders can be placed weekly. Once an order has been received, schools are required to perform a goods receipt. No other orders will be accepted until this has been completed. FFAVORS also maintains the SFA’s fund balance.

FFAVORS logins and passwords are administered by the DoD. Any issues with the FFAVORS program need to be addressed with the DoD. Please call (215) 737-8294 or e-mail maryanne.sharpe@dla.mil if you have any questions or issues with the FFAVORS program.

The DoD program is a “use-it-or-lose-it” program. At the end of each school year, any unused amounts will be used by other schools participating in the program.