Department of Defense (DoD) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Each year, 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 the amount they want to spend 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 you spend is subject to the following rules: If you have less than $10,000 Beginning Entitlement (PAL), you may spend up to 100% on the DoD program. If you have more than $10,000 Beginning Entitlement (PAL), you may spend $10,000 or 50%, whichever is more. After the end of the annual order period, the amount you designate to the DOD program cannot be changed.

DoD allocations are spent via the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Order Response System (FFAVORS) and orders can be placed weekly. The link to FFAVORS: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/fresh-fruits-and-vegetables-order-receipt-system-ffavors

FFAVORS logins and passwords are administered by the DoD and any issues with the FFAVORS program need to be addressed with the DoD. Please call (215) 737-5573 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. If you have any questions regarding the program, contact ISBE staff at (217) 782-2491 and ask for the Food Distribution Program.