

## Department of Defense Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

The USDA annually allocates money for Illinois to spend with the Department of Defense Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (DoD). For the 2008-2009 school year, Illinois was allocated \$3 million to spend through the (DoD). The DoD allows participation in the program to all schools that request to participate subject to a \$500 allocation floor. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) allocated the money we could spend with DoD amongst all schools that selected yes under *Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Participation* on the *Annual Order Forms* menu option on the Illinois Commodity System (ICS). In previous years, many schools that had money allocated to them failed to place any orders for fresh fruits or vegetables. Schools can view the amount of money allocated to them by selecting *Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Participation* on the *Annual Order Forms* menu option on the ICS. Those schools that have not spent any of the money allocated to them should contact the DoD at 215.737.3676 to begin placing orders. The DoD administers the program and schools use a system called *Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Order Receipt System* (FFAVORS) to place orders. Schools that do not have a login and password to FFAVORS should call the DoD at the number above to obtain a login and password.

By the end of the school year, other schools will use any money not used by FFAVORS schools. If you have any questions regarding the program, contact ISBE staff at 217.782.2491 and ask for the Food Distribution Program.