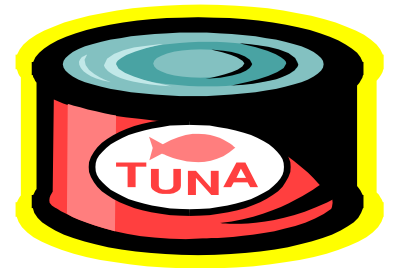
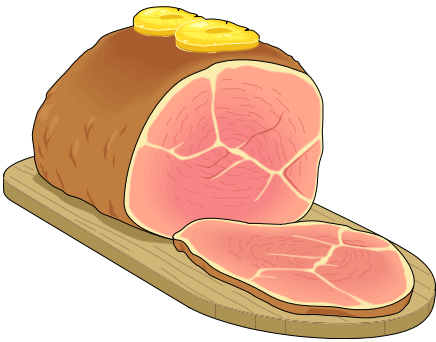


NUTRITION SERVICES INCENTIVE PROGRAM



2004 Commodity Acceptability Progress (CAP) Report
Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP)
Top Five Most Acceptable Commodities
(4 States Responding)

CATEGORY	COMMODITY	PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS
MEATS	Beef 40 Ground Frozen	100%
	Turkey Roasts	100%
	Chicken Diced	75%
	Chicken Cut Up	50%
	Chicken Breaded Frozen	25%
MEAT ALTERNATES	Cheese Process Sliced Yellow	75%
	Beans Pinto Canned	50%
	Peanut Butter 5 Smooth	50%
	Cheese Process 30	25%
	Cheese Cheddar Yellow	25%
FRUITS	Fruit Mix	100%
	Applesauce	75%
	Peaches Cling Sliced Canned	50%
	Pears Halves Canned	50%
	Pineapple Tidbits Canned	50%
VEGETABLES	Beans Green 10 Canned	75%
	Tomato Sauce	75%
	Beans Green Frozen	50%
	Sweet Potatoes w/Syrup Canned	50%
	Tomatoes Diced Canned	50%
GRAINS	Macaroni Elbow	100%
	Flour All Purpose 40 Bleached	75%
	Flour/Bakery Mix	50%
	Macaroni Spiral Rotini	50%
	Cereal Oats 3 Rolled	25%
OTHERS	Milk Nonfat Dry Instant 24	75%
	Oil Vegetables	75%
	Salad Dressing Reduced Calorie	50%
	Shortening Vegetables 3	50%
	Shortening Liquid Vegetable	50%

2004 Commodity Acceptability Progress (CAP) Report
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Top Five Least Acceptable Commodities
(4 States Responding)

CATEGORY	COMMODITY	PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS
MEATS	Ham Frozen Water Added 40	75%
	Pork Canned Natural Juices	50%
	Beef Canned Natural Juices	25%
	Chicken Cut Up	25%
	Lunch Meat Canned Pork	25%
MEAT ALTERNATES	Beans Black Turtle 10 Canned	50%
	Beans Navy Pea Dry	25%
	Beans Refried Canned	25%
	Cheese Mozzarella Lite Shredded Frozen	25%
	Eggs Whole 5 Frozen	25%
FRUITS	Grapefruit Fresh	75%
	Cherries 10 Can Red Tart Pitted	50%
	Apricots Sliced Frozen	50%
	Orange Juice 55 Manufacturing	50%
	Blueberries Marion	25%
VEGETABLES	Sweet Potato Fresh 5	75%
	Tomato Paste Drum	50%
	Corn Cobs Frozen	50%
	Peas Canned	25%
	Potatoes Wedges Frozen	25%
GRAINS	Grits Fine Yellow	75%
	Cereal Oats 25	50%
	Grits Corn White 40	50%
	Macaroni Elbow	50%
	Flour BHW 100 Bleached	50%
OTHERS	Shortening Vegetable 50	75%
	Milk Nonfat Dry Instant 25	75%
	Oil Vegetable Bulk	75%
	Milk Nonfat Dry Instant 24	50%
	Oil Soybean Low Saturated Fat	25%

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Product Improvement Comments

The following is a brief explanation of the problems found with each of the least acceptable products identified above, as well as any other USDA donated commodities that NSIP participants would like to see improved.

Problem Code Table

1. **Overall Product Evaluation** – program recipients do not like; too labor intensive.
2. **Nutrition** – too much fat, grease, salt/sodium, and/or sugar.
3. **Quality** – bad taste/ flavor; poor texture; too tough; strong aroma/smell; cookability/meltability problems; or poor appearance.
4. **Delivery/Timing** - damaged packages/products; timeliness of deliveries.
5. **Packaging** - poor quality or wrapping; pack size too small, or pack size too large.
6. **Other** (see “Additional Comments” block).

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Problem Code</u>	<u>Total Respondents</u>	<u>Comments</u>
A626 Beef Patties All Bf	3	1	•Product is too tough.
A693 Ham Fzn WaterAdd	1,2,3,5	3	•Product is too salty. •Product has a poor taste. •Product tastes very smoky. •Product contains too much water.
A610 Beef Cnd Natural J	1,2,3	1	•Product contains too much gristle.
A548 Turkey Hams	1,2,3	2	•Product is too salty, has a poor taste and too much gristle.
A692 Pork Breaded Patty	1,2,3	1	
A680 Pork Taco Fill 10lb	2,6	1	•Product has a very poor taste; we had to mix with beef to serve.
A565 Turkey Taco Fill	1,2,3	1	
A571 Chicken Fajita SOC	1,2,3	1	•Product is too tough and salty.
A690 Pork Taco Fill 4lb	2,3	1	•Product is too salty and spicy.
A688 Pork Sloppy Joe	1,2,3	1	•Product is too spicy.
A912 Beans Baby Lima	1	1	•Too labor intensive.
A910 Beans Blkeye Pea	1	1	•Too labor intensive.
A925 Beans Great North	1	1	•Too labor intensive.
A920 Beans Lt Kidney	1	1	•Too labor intensive.

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Problem Code</u>	<u>Total Respondents</u>	<u>Comments</u>
A939 Beans Pink	1	1	•Too labor intensive.
A942 Beans Pinto	1	1	•Too labor intensive.
A948 Beans Small Red	1	1	•Too labor intensive.
A924 Beans Navy Pea	1	1	•Too labor intensive.
B031 Cheese Ched Yel	3	1	•Product will not melt properly.
A568 Eggs Whole Frozen	1,3,5,6	1	•Product does not hold well on a steam table. •Pack size is too large.
B072 Cheese Ched Yel	1	1	•Pack size is too large.
A084 Beans Blkeye Cnd	1	1	
A091 Beans Veg Cnd	1,2,3	2	
A358 Apricots Sld Fzn	1,3	1	
A431 Pears Halves Cnd	2,3,6	1	•Product is difficult to chew and recipients are tired of receiving pears.
A444 Pineapple Canned	5	1	•Recipients have difficulty finding a use for this product.
A346 Apple Slices Fzn	3	1	•Product is difficult to chew.
A301 Orange J Fzn Conc	3,5	1	•Product tastes sour.
A366 Blueberries Wild	3,5	1	•Product does not have much a taste.
A363 Cherries Cnd RTP	3	2	•Product is too tart.
A130 Corn Frozen	6	1	•Clients would prefer to receive another vegetable besides this one.
A174 Potatoe Wedges	1	1	•Recipients rarely use this product and do not like it.
A129 Corn Cobs Frozen	6	1	•Product is difficult to eat.
A215 Potatoes Fresh	6	1	•Unable to use this product fast enough; recipients just do not like it.
A249 Tomatoe Paste	6	1	•Pack size is too large.
A061 Beans Green Cnd	2	1	•Recipients would prefer to receive frozen instead.
A110 Corn Liq Kernel	2	1	•Recipients would prefer to receive frozen instead.
A220 Swt Potatoes Cnd	2,3	1	•Product disintegrated with heat.
A070 Beans Green Fzn	3,4,5	1	•Product did not hold up well and was very mushy. •Canned green beans are easier to handle.

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Problem Code</u>	<u>Total Respondents</u>	<u>Comments</u>
A140 Peas Canned	3	1	•Product was mushy once cooked.
A222 Swt Potatoes M Cnd	1,3	2	
B444 Cereal Oats	6	1	•Pack size is too large.
B142 Cornmeal Deg Yel	6	1	•Pack size is too large.
B280 Flour BHW Bich	6	1	•Pack size is too large.
B384 Grits Fine Yellow	6	1	•Recipients do not use this product very often.
B430 Macaroni Elbow	6	1	•Pack size is too large.
B090 Milk Nonfat Dry Inst	1,3,5	3	•Product is too grainy and has a poor texture.

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New Products Requested
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CATEGORY	COMMODITY	PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS
MEATS	Pork Chops	100%
	Country Style Ribs	50%
	Hamburger Patties*	50%
	Polish Hot Dogs	50%
OTHERS	Honey	50%
	Butter	50%
	Margarine	50%
	Frozen Cookies	50%
PREPARED FOODS	Enchiliadas	50%

* Items currently offered to NSIP recipients by USDA.

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General Comments/Recommendations

FRUITS

- Recipients would like to receive more canned fruit items (limited dollars for purchase of commodities).

MISCELLANEOUS

- A lot of cans come in dented, however overall quality of food products is good.
- Pleased with variety of commodities and amount of bonus items.
- Most vegetables received are good, fruits are also good, but meats are often tough.
- Would like to see more available items (because of limited commodity dollars number of items limited).
- Delivery service by the state is excellent.
- Would like to receive smaller pack sizes for the smaller senior centers.