



Systems Background - PCIMS & ECOS



▲ 12 Step Order Cycle



Computer System Flow & Delivery Order Status

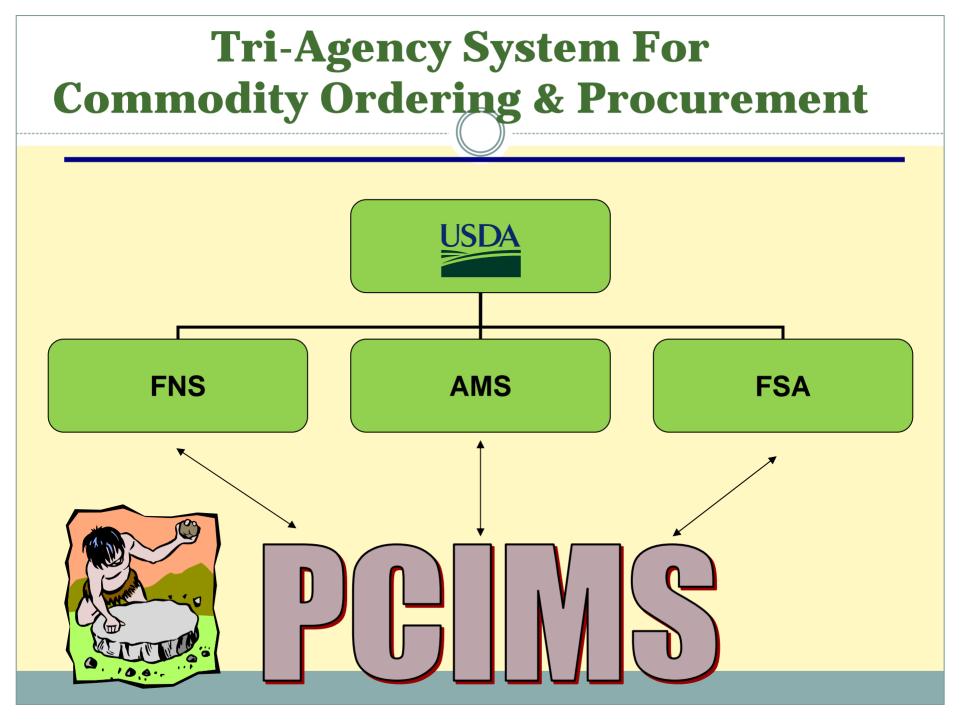


Processed Commodities Inventory Management System



Web Based Supply Chain Management





FNS - Food and Nutrition Service

- **Food Distribution Division**
 - Purchase Planning
 - Offers/Surveys and Foods Available List
- Review Delivery Orders
- Create Invitations to Bid
- Monitor funding and entitlements
- Change orders and contract amendments
- Account for and reconcile funding
- Advocate for recipient agencies and States

AMS - Agricultural Marketing Service

Group A Surplus Removal: Meat/Poultry/F&V

- Procurement Branch
 - Market analysis
 - Issue invitations & analysis bids
 - Contracting office Contract amendments
 - Monitor vendor performance complaint follow up
- Grading and Standardization Branches
 - Technical product experts
 - Develop specifications
 - Grading of purchased & processed commodities

FSA – Farm Service Agency

Price Support Group B: Grain, Dairy, Peanut and Oil Products

- Washington D.C. Headquarters
 - Policy, Specifications and Program Development
- Kansas City Commodity Office KCCO
 - Create & issue invitations
 - Analyze Bids & award contracts
 - Administer Contracts for ALL commodities
 - **× Issue Notice to Deliver**
 - × Police Contracts Late Delivery Reporting



 State ECOS system feeds orders to PCIMS & tracks State entitlement – web based

 ECOS is also a State-to-recipient agency commodity request & entitlement tracking system





- 1. \$\$ Funds/Entitlement/Purchase Plan
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- 5. FNS/AMS/FSA Create Invitations to Bid
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Contract Award

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Step 1: "Show me the money!"

• Fund Sources

CNP Entitlements

Purchase Plan

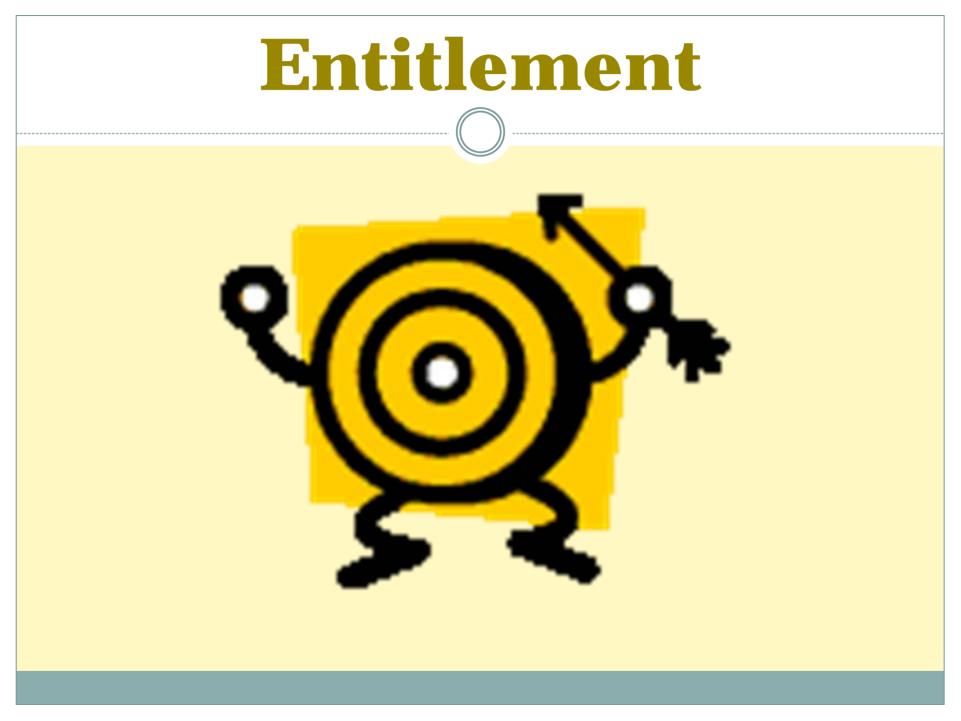


Entitlement ESTIMATE !

PRIOR YEAR MEALS X JULY RATE + 12% FUNDING +/-PRIOR YEAR BALANCE



TOTAL ENTITLEMENT \$\$



Entitlement & Order Timeline		
<u>January</u>	Transmit Offerings for States in ECOS	
	Enter Preliminary SY Entitlement	
	Preliminary Purchase Plan and "dollar estimates"	
March 1	Value added (brown box) turkey orders due for the SY	
<u>May</u>	Most other orders are due	
<u>June 1</u>	Cheese orders due for Jan-Dec of next calendar year	
<u>July</u>	"Published" Rate in Federal Register- estimate 12%	
<u>August</u>	Move preliminary Prior SY Balances to new SY	
	Open offerings again and new offerings	
<u>November</u>	Update current SY Entitlement – final meals from prior year	
	New Offerings available orders for Jan-June delivery due	

PURCHASE PLANNING

January - February



NATIONAL COMMODITY ORDERING AVERAGE PERCENTAGES		
Beef	22%	
Tuna	0.5%	
Pork	5%	
Chicken	13%	
Eggs	1%	
Turkey	9%	
Fruits & Vegetables	25%	
Grains, Peanuts, Oils	3%	
Cheese	22%	
TOTAL	100%	





Commodity Catalogue

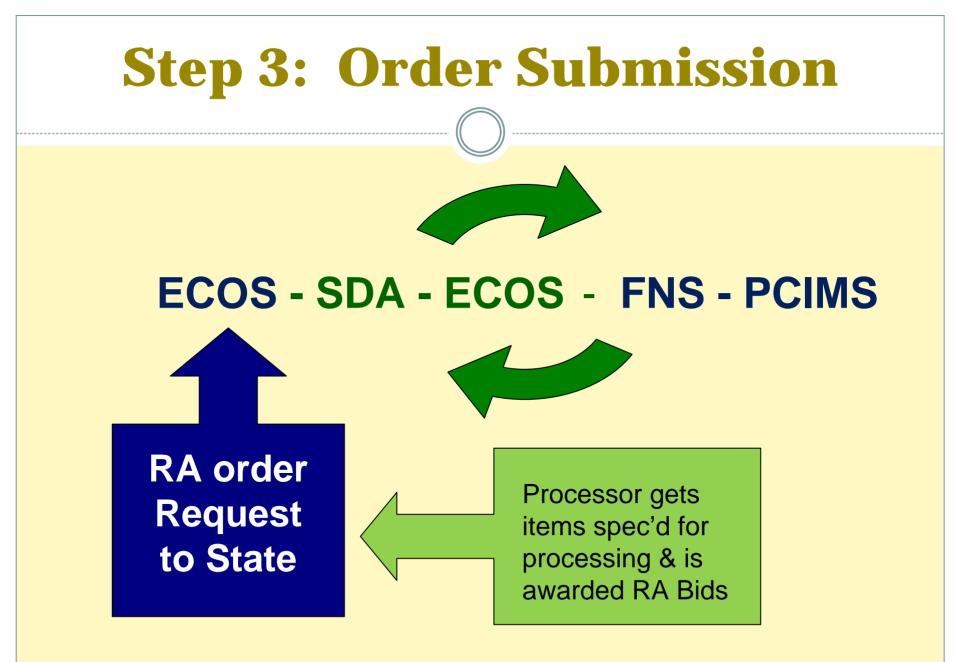
• Nov thru April...

- Processors go out & try to get their items spec'd on RA's Bids
- × School and State bids go out
- × Awards & orders made

State gets requests from School Districts







Step 3: States Create & Submit Orders

•Recipient Agency input: Actual Data from ALL RA's (ECOS/other)

•Truck loading and delivery date coordination between Processor & State DA

Split Shipment – ECOS Bulletin Board



40 % \$\$\$\$ delivered July 1 – Nov 15

60 % \$\$\$\$\$\$
 delivered
 Nov 16 – June 30

35 / 65 Rule

THIS YEAR ONLY!! • 35 % \$\$\$\$ delivered July 1 – Nov 15

65 % \$\$\$\$\$ delivered
 Nov 16 – June 30

Step 3: Submit Delivery Orders

What is a D/O? A594 121 I 001w

Delivery Order - unique Record Number – Key to accessing: What: commodity Who: State When: delivery year requested delivery date Where: destination entity code How many: cases/lbs

Delivery Order (D/O) number

A594 121 I 001W

- A 594 Group A & commodity code for Beef Course Ground
- **121 State Agency code = KY Dept of Ag**
- I Delivery Year 07/01/06 -06/30/07
- **001W** *4* character sequence number (001 is unique and 001W is unique)

ECOS Status Codes

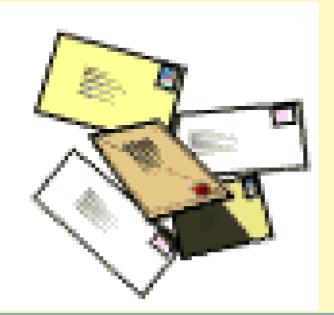
- AC Accepted Order awaiting PCIMS update
- **BLANK** Opps!...not even sent from ECOS!
- RJ Rejected from PCIMS
- DX Deleted from PCIMS
- VP / VO Valid Pre Order / Valid Order
- VA Valid & Allocated Delivery Order
- **CI** Complete and on an Invitation
- **CN Complete all Notice to Deliver issued**
- SH Bill of Lading or Receipt entered in PCIMS
 Stands for Shipped BUTcould be delivered!!

Step 4: FNS Reviews Data

Orders in VP or VO status April-June

Funding considerations (40-60 % Rule or 35-65% Rule)
Capacity issues
Split shipment matches
Entitlement status
Offer additional commodities

Step 5, 6 & 7 Invitations, Bids & Awards June – NEXT April



Step 5: FNS, AMS & FSA

Create Invitation

D/O Status Changes to CI

 D/O tied to an Announcement/ Invitation #



 CI status means that it's on an invitation to be purchased – but not purchased yet

Different Types of Invitations Processing

Long term

- Delivery Request Purchase
- Cheese Yearly min/max
- Grain, peanut and oil Quarterly
- Fruit & Vegetable products time of harvest

Ongoing Bi-weekly

- Meat & Poultry Product
- Bulk Poultry AMS coordinates w/ processor
- Awarded 4- 6 weeks prior to delivery

Step 6

FSA & AMS issue invitation to bid & analyze bids

- Order still CI status
- Solicit bids
- Vendor submits bids electronically
- Industry should encourage their own suppliers to bid to their destination.
- FSA & AMS analyze bids
 - Price
 - Funds available
 - Vendor capacity
 - FNS input



Step 7: FSA & AMS Award Contracts

Meat and Poultry bought about 4-6 weeks prior to delivery



FSA issues & e-mails delivery notice

Step 8



- D/O Status Code in ECOS = CN (completed Notice to Deliver)
- Notice to Deliver To vendor
- Forwarding Notice To consignee

Step 9: Preparing to Deliver

Vendor produces and/or packages

(Rarely pulls from inventory)

Commercial/USDA label option



- USDA grades or check loads or audits or certifies shipments lab analysis
- Notice of Shipment 24 hour unloading appointment

Step 10: Receipting

- Truck shows up at destination
- Receiving Org Updates in ECOS
- Then D/O changes to SH "shipped" status in ECOS



Step 11: "Come & get it!"

Various Receipt Notifications Possible:



- Processor notifies State DA of receipt by receiving in ECOS
- Processor ships to pre-arranged destination

Step 12: "Show me the money "

- Vendor submits invoice to FSA
- Entered in PCIMS IF not received in ECOS
- Order goes to SH status when received
 in PCIMS
- Prompt payment \$ spent





Delivery Order Flow

- District Request (ECOS/other)
- State submits order thru ECOS to PCIMS





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The End

