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SUBJECT: Close Out for FY 2008 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Funds

TO: Regional Directors
Special Nutrition Programs
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State Directors
Child Nutrition Programs
All States

Please note that the close out timeframe for Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) funds reporting is the same as all other Child Nutrition (CN) programs. All FY 2008 obligations must be liquidated within 90 days after the end of FY 2008. States must submit and certify FFVP Final SF-269s in the FNS Food Programs Reporting System (FPRS) by 12/31/2008, and Regional Offices must post the submissions in FPRS by 1/19/2009.

It is critically important that we determine the exact amount of FFVP funds which will be available from FY 2008 for reallocation in a timely manner. We intend to make these recovered funds available for reallocation in SY 2009-2010. These reallocated funds will be added to the \$65M, provided for SY 2009-2010 FFVP operations as per section 19 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA).

In order to allow State Agencies (SAs) adequate time recruit schools for next year, FNS will announce state-level SY 2009-2010 funding levels in early 2009. Any delays in the close out of FY2008 FFVP funds will jeopardize our ability to utilize these funds effectively for SY 2009-2010.

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Office.

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