

Minutes

Work Group members on the call: FDPIR Program Directors: Roxanna Newsom (NAFDPIR President), Florence Calabaza, Lorraine Davis, Susie Roy, Betty Jo Graveen, Benita Lewis, Mary Greene-Trottier, Susan Anderson (CDC), Cathy Young (FNS MPR), Sharon Hadder (FSA), Dennis Pearson (AMS), (FNS) - Rosalind Cleveland, Stephanie Cooks.

Support Staff: Patti Schock (FNS), Dana Rasmussen (FNS), Sara Hernandez (AMS)

Work Group members not on the call: Charles "Red" Gates, Sarah Kellogg-Eby, Kibbe Conti,

Membership Update: Stephanie Cooks, MA, RD was introduced as the newest FNS member of the Work Group replacing Sheldon Gordon.

Minutes of the June 30, 2010 Work Group meeting were reviewed and accepted without revisions by the Work Group.

USDA Food Package Updates:

Draft proposed guide rate changes to the FDPIR food package were presented to the Work Group as follows:

- Quick oats and farina package sizes adjusted to streamline distribution to one person households
- Egg noodles added to Pasta and Rice category
- Low-fat bakery mix added to flour and cornmeal category
- Bison and turkey roast (offered alternating times during the year) will replace turkey ham
- Canned pinto and black beans will be added to replace dry lima beans. All dry and canned beans combined into one category
- Cream of mushroom and cream of chicken soups added to replace whole grain rotini
- Evaporated skim milk will replace whole evaporated milk
- Dehydrated potatoes and spaghetti sauce added to vegetable category
- Canned and dried fruit combined into one category

- I. **FNS - Frozen Ground Bison:** FNS is looking into the possibility of providing frozen ground bison in the FDPIR Food Package beginning in November 2010 through June 2011. Proposed guide rates of one pound of ground bison per person per month were discussed due to limited market availability of the product. One meat unit would include one pound of ground bison and one pound of ground beef. FNS will have more information about the availability of ground bison at the next Work Group meeting.
 - a. **Canned Pinto and Black Beans:** Guide rates will be updated to reflect the addition of canned pinto and black beans to the FDPIR food package beginning in November 2010. The proposed take rate for canned and dry beans will remain the same at three units per person per month.
 - b. The current fruit for vegetable substitution rate will remain the same.
 - c. The Work Group agreed to consider the proposed guide rate changes and discuss further at the face-to-face meeting in October.
- II. **FSA - Instant/quick cooking rice:** Quick cooking whole grain brown rice is available in a two pound package size. Cooking time is 10-28 minutes.
 - a. **Blue cornmeal** is also available at \$21.95 for 25 lbs.
 - b. **Skim evaporated milk** is available commercially and can be substituted for evaporated whole milk in the food package at any time. **Low-fat bakery mix** - still waiting for an answer on lowering the sodium and the availability of a smaller package size.

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- c. **Whole wheat cracker** – the current cracker vendor does not want to produce the unsalted top cracker and a whole wheat cracker. FSA will see if the vendor can provide whole wheat cracker samples for testing before the Work Group makes a decision about adding the whole grain cracker.
 - d. **Whole Grain tortillas** – Sharon will check into the availability of whole grain tortillas for FDPIR.
- III. **AMS – Reduced sodium cream of mushroom and cream of chicken soups** – The new soups are still in the clearance process. AMS will provide an update at the October face-to-face meeting.
Turkey roast – FNS and AMS have met to discuss a whole muscle turkey roast for the FDPIR food package. The recommended sodium level is less than 550 mg per 100 gram serving (about 3 - 4 oz.) and not more than 3.5 grams of fat. The product being considered is commercially available and a product weight range of 2 to 3 lbs. will help to increase bidder competition. A fixed number of roasts per carton will be specified to ensure consistency.
- IV. **FDPIR Food Package Review Work Group Face-to-Face Meeting** – The Work Group will meet face-to-face in Alexandria, Virginia on October 20-21, 2010. Gloria will provide contact information for all Work Group members who are planning to attend. Work Group members will send topics of interest for the agenda to Roxanna. Southwest and Midwest Regions will provide their Regional Wish Lists for discussion at the face-to-face meeting in October.
- V. **Other Foods in the FDPIR Food Package – Orange Juice take rates** – Directors received the flyer with instructions for mixing the orange juice. Take rates continue to be low for orange juice and also for grapefruit juice. Roxanna stated she is still issuing cans, not bottles. Mary expressed disappointment that the response was issued in a flyer. **Frozen cut-up chicken** – Benita asked why the tray pack chicken is no longer available. Patti stated there were problems with the vendor however; the cut-up chicken is coming back, not in a tray pack, but in a bag. Tribes should see deliveries in October/November 2010. **Trail mix** – Participants continue to ask for trail mix. Dana stated trail mix was a bonus item, however; we can keep FDPIR in mind if trail mix becomes available in the future. **DoD Fresh Produce** – Participants are thrilled with fresh produce offerings. Canned fruit and vegetable take rates have decreased as fresh produce take rates rise. **Roast beef** – Roast beef inventory in the warehouse is low. Patti was unaware of the low inventory. She will check into it and report back to the Work Group.
- VI. **NAFDPIR Board Meeting** – NAFDPIR requested FNS join them on Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time for their next conference call to further discuss the upcoming face-to-face meeting in Alexandria.
- VII. **Next FDPIR Food Package Review Work Group Meeting – October 20-21, 2010 in Alexandria, Virginia.**