



# Food and Nutrition Service

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**DATE:** October 1, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Lapse in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Appropriations and Impacts for the Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service, Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), and USDA Foods in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

**TO:** Regional Directors  
Supplemental Nutrition Division  
All Regions

State Agency Directors  
All State Agencies

Funding for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provided through the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (P.L. 119-4) expired on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, and Congress has not yet acted to provide further funding. A government shutdown impacting the USDA has resulted from this lapse in appropriation.

For all USDA Foods programs, vendors are required to deliver any USDA Foods that were purchased prior to the lapse; therefore, you should expect to continue to receive food deliveries during the lapse.

Due to the lapse, additional federal administrative funds will not be provided for CSFP and TEFAP beginning October 1, 2025. State agencies may choose to continue CSFP and TEFAP operations with the understanding that funding will not be provided without enactment of an appropriation providing continued funding for FY 2026. Once Federal funding becomes available, food distribution program costs incurred during this lapse may be eligible for Federal reimbursement only to the extent that the programs were administered in accordance with Federal statute and regulations.

FNS remains committed to keeping you informed with the most accurate and timely updates available within the limits of current circumstances. Please direct any questions regarding the lapse in funding to your Regional Office.

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