



Food and
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Dear State Agency Director:

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I strongly encourage you to attend the upcoming American Commodity Distribution Association (ACDA) Annual National Conference to be held April 27-30, 2020 in Seattle, Washington. This conference provides a national forum for discussing important issues involving the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Distribution Programs. Attendees will gain knowledge and skills from interaction with other State and local agencies, USDA staff, industry, and other partners to help them do their jobs more effectively.

Important topics to be addressed during the conference include processing program management, inventory management, updates on the BMI process, and a pre-conference session designed to share best practices for State agencies. Program, regulatory, and legislative updates for USDA Foods in Schools, the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, and The Emergency Food Assistance Program will also be provided.

As you can see, the conference will address a wide range of program issues that directly affect State and local agencies involved in the USDA Foods programs, and I strongly urge you to consider attending the ACDA conference this year. Travel to the training is an allowable use of State Administrative Expense funds.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your regional office staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Castro".

Laura Castro
Director
Food Distribution Division