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Alexandria  
VA 22314

**DATE:** January 19, 2023

**SUBJECT:** American Commodity Distribution Association (ACDA) Annual Conference

**TO:** All State Agencies for USDA Foods in Schools, the Emergency Food Assistance Program and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program

All Regional Offices

Dear State Agency Director:

I encourage you and your staff working on the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition's (FNS) Food Distribution Programs to participate in the upcoming American Commodity Distribution Association (ACDA) Annual Conference scheduled for April 16-19, 2023 in Anaheim, CA. This conference provides a national forum to discuss important issues involving USDA Foods, including USDA Foods in Schools, The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). Participants will gain knowledge and skills to help them do their jobs more effectively through educational sessions and interaction with other State and local agencies, USDA staff, industry representatives, and other partners.

FNS is scheduled to present sessions on a variety of key topics, including processing program management, inventory management, USDA Foods regulations, warehousing contracts, and USDA Foods order management. Program, regulatory, and legislative updates for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), TEFAP, and CSFP will also be provided, in addition to other valuable sessions presented by State and local agencies.

The conference will address a wide range of program issues that directly affect State and local agencies administering FNS food assistance programs. Travel to the training is an allowable use of State Administrative Expense funds.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your FNS regional office.

Sincerely,

Laura Castro  
Director  
USDA Foods Operations Division