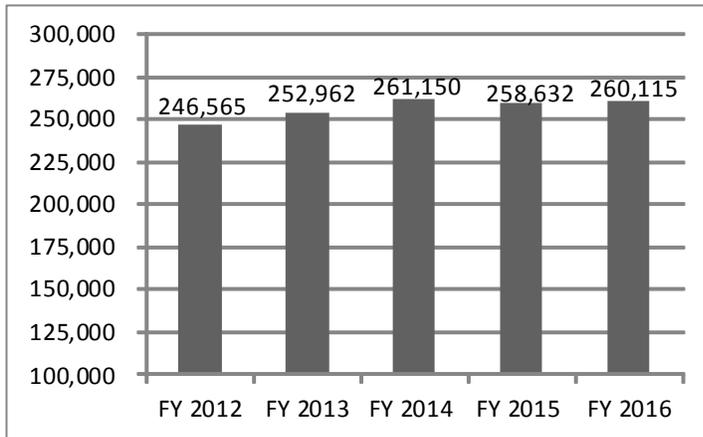


FISCAL YEAR 2016 AT A GLANCE

Number of Authorized Firms



- As of September 30, 2016, 260,115 firms were authorized to participate in SNAP.
- Since 2012, the number of authorized firms has increased by five percent.
- In fiscal year 2016, supermarkets and superstores redeemed 81 percent of all SNAP benefits.

Retailer Administration Activities

FNS performed the following retailer administration activities in fiscal year 2016:

- Approved SNAP participation for 26,301 firms.
- Confirmed the continued eligibility of 38,682 firms through reauthorization.
- Reinstated 1,409 firms.
- Withdrew 22,403 firms due to voluntary request, non-redemption, or failure to meet eligibility requirements.

Retailer Compliance Activities

FNS performed the following retailer compliance activities in fiscal year 2016:

- Reviewed the transactions of over 22,300 stores identified as potentially violating.
- Conducted nearly 8,300 investigations of authorized retail grocers to determine compliance with program regulations.
- Initiated 3,512 compliance actions on authorized firms found in violation of program regulations. This included:
 - 2,619 sanction actions,
 - 257 transfer of ownership civil monetary penalties,
 - 63 involuntary withdrawals,
 - 38 permanent involuntary withdrawals, and
 - issuance of 535 warning letters.
- Completed 1,242 reviews of FNS administrative actions appealed by aggrieved firms. FNS sustained 88 percent of all appeals, reversed or modified four percent, and found that eight percent were moot.

Redemptions by Firm Type

Combined, supermarkets and super stores redeem just over 81 percent of all SNAP benefits while making up 14.06 percent of the total number of authorized firms.

Firm Types	Total Firms Authorized	Percent of Total	Redemption Amount	Percent of Total
Bakery Specialty	3,321	1.28%	\$159,319,989	0.24%
Combination Grocery/Other	57,002	21.91%	\$3,568,751,566	5.38%
Convenience Store	117,591	45.21%	\$3,737,586,325	5.63%
Delivery Route	898	0.35%	\$83,186,605	0.13%
Direct Marketing Farmer	3,496	1.34%	\$5,645,474	0.01%
Farmers' Market	3,500	1.35%	\$14,590,395	0.02%
Fruits/Veg Specialty	953	0.37%	\$61,789,038	0.09%
Large Grocery Store	3,942	1.52%	\$1,488,297,876	2.24%
Meat/Poultry Specialty	2,667	1.03%	\$347,979,426	0.52%
Medium Grocery Store	9,580	3.68%	\$1,461,332,200	2.20%
Military Commissary	190	0.07%	\$66,978,704	0.10%
Non-profit Food Buying Co-op	295	0.11%	\$20,540,360	0.03%
Seafood Specialty	1,516	0.58%	\$184,134,833	0.28%
Small Grocery Store	14,393	5.53%	\$943,544,711	1.42%
Super Store	19,405	7.46%	\$34,337,302,850	51.73%
Supermarket	17,180	6.60%	\$19,687,954,131	29.66%
Wholesaler	2	0.00%	\$1,067,835	0.00%
Total	255,931	98.39%	\$66,170,002,319	99.69%
Communal Dining Facility	245	0.09%	\$2,979,070	0.00%
Drug and/or Alcohol Treatment Program	945	0.36%	\$47,463,178	0.07%
Group Living Arrangement	577	0.22%	\$74,972,782	0.11%
Homeless Meal Provider	184	0.07%	\$5,991,648	0.01%
Meal Delivery Service	195	0.07%	\$780,233	0.00%
Private Restaurant/Meal Delivery	1,854	0.71%	\$64,593,324	0.10%
Senior Citizens Center/Residential Building	158	0.06%	\$8,876,336	0.01%
Shelter for Battered Women and Children	26	0.01%	\$903,176	0.00%
Total	4,184	1.61%	\$206,559,747	0.31%
Total	260, 115	100.00%	\$66,376,562,067	100.00%

Redemptions by Region and State

California, New York, Texas, and Florida continue to have the highest number of firms and redemptions.

Region	State	Authorized Firms	Redemption Amount	Percent of Total Firms	Percent of Total Redemptions
North East	Connecticut	2,625	\$681,523,759	1.01%	1.03%
	Maine	1,573	\$250,441,743	0.60%	0.38%
	Massachusetts	5,361	\$1,191,652,639	2.06%	1.80%
	New Hampshire	1,055	\$155,125,465	0.41%	0.23%
	New York	18,603	\$4,852,339,250	7.15%	7.31%
	Rhode Island	994	\$246,909,443	0.38%	0.37%
	Vermont	732	\$78,332,380	0.28%	0.12%
	Region Totals	30,943	\$7,456,324,680	11.90%	11.23%
Mid- Atlantic	Delaware	820	\$225,510,915	0.32%	0.34%
	District of Columbia	488	\$119,615,644	0.19%	0.18%
	Maryland	4,072	\$1,153,266,125	1.57%	1.74%
	New Jersey	6,142	\$1,267,455,364	2.36%	1.91%
	Pennsylvania	10,378	\$2,713,769,804	3.99%	4.09%
	Virgin Islands	92	\$55,587,228	0.04%	0.08%
	Virginia	6,483	\$1,208,261,046	2.49%	1.82%
West Virginia	2,180	\$468,790,458	0.84%	0.71%	
	Region Totals	30,655	\$7,212,256,585	11.79%	10.87%
Southeast	Alabama	5,503	\$1,248,167,358	2.12%	1.88%
	Florida	16,179	\$5,174,806,548	6.22%	7.80%
	Georgia	10,219	\$2,669,961,751	3.93%	4.02%
	Kentucky	4,718	\$999,664,808	1.81%	1.51%
	Mississippi	3,602	\$844,918,286	1.38%	1.27%
	North Carolina	9,632	\$2,240,025,205	3.70%	3.37%
	South Carolina	5,385	\$1,254,421,507	2.07%	1.89%
	Tennessee	6,996	\$1,642,065,190	2.69%	2.47%
	Region Totals	62,234	\$16,074,030,652	23.93%	24.22%
Southwest	Arkansas	2,833	\$589,224,701	1.09%	0.89%
	Louisiana	4,863	\$1,478,712,541	1.87%	2.23%
	New Mexico	1,558	\$674,197,906	0.60%	1.02%
	Oklahoma	3,542	\$862,424,661	1.36%	1.30%
	Texas	19,519	\$5,366,335,244	7.50%	8.08%
	Region Totals	32,315	\$8,970,895,051	12.42%	13.52%

Redemptions by Region and State (continued)

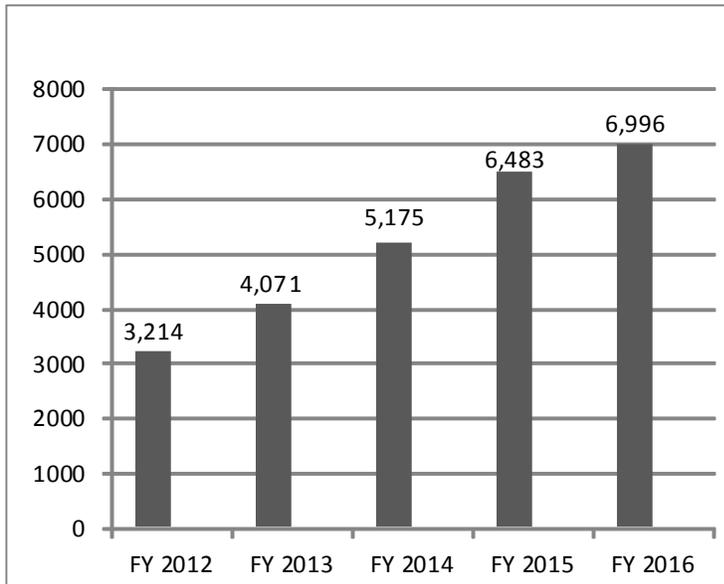
Region	State	Authorized Firms	Redemption Amount	Percent of Total Firms	Percent of Total Redemptions
Mid-West	Illinois	9,426	\$2,984,718,846	3.62%	4.50%
	Indiana	5,256	\$1,104,163,926	2.02%	1.66%
	Michigan	9,971	\$2,164,083,370	3.83%	3.26%
	Minnesota	3,436	\$564,968,114	1.32%	0.85%
	Ohio	9,612	\$2,376,767,903	3.70%	3.58%
	Wisconsin	4,154	\$919,843,939	1.60%	1.39%
	Region Totals	41,855	\$10,114,546,097	16.09%	15.24%
Mountain Plains	Colorado	2,812	\$733,763,136	1.08%	1.11%
	Iowa	2,831	\$509,860,060	1.09%	0.77%
	Kansas	2,042	\$349,281,908	0.79%	0.53%
	Missouri	4,960	\$1,189,226,766	1.91%	1.79%
	Montana	781	\$165,488,547	0.30%	0.25%
	Nebraska	1,251	\$246,836,558	0.48%	0.37%
	North Dakota	510	\$85,748,105	0.20%	0.13%
	South Dakota	755	\$138,584,674	0.29%	0.21%
	Utah	1,455	\$298,028,865	0.56%	0.45%
	Wyoming	360	\$49,729,686	0.14%	0.07%
Region Totals	17,757	\$3,766,548,305	6.83%	5.67%	
Western	Alaska	550	\$175,620,055	0.21%	0.26%
	Arizona	4,178	\$1,394,711,992	1.61%	2.10%
	California	26,881	\$7,255,314,713	10.33%	10.93%
	Guam	259	\$106,007,882	0.10%	0.16%
	Hawaii	1,038	\$479,126,813	0.40%	0.72%
	Idaho	1,076	\$261,447,693	0.41%	0.39%
	Nevada	1,829	\$646,007,884	0.70%	0.97%
	Oregon	3,520	\$1,021,083,207	1.35%	1.54%
	Washington	5,025	\$1,442,640,459	1.93%	2.17%
Region Totals	44,356	\$12,781,960,696	17.05%	19.26%	
National Totals	Totals	260,115	\$66,376,562,067	100.00%	100.00%

Administrative Activity

<u>Administrative Actions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Authorizations:	
Initial Authorization	24,892
Reinstatement	1,409
Total Authorizations	26,301
Reauthorizations:	38,682
Applicants Denied (Time-Limited):	
FNS Review Determined Applicant was Not a Retail Food Store	364
Failed to Cooperate with Information Request	5
Failed to Pay Assessed Monetary Penalty	13
Did Not Meet SNAP Eligibility Criteria	1,209
Denied for Business Integrity Issue	25
Other	6
Total Term Denials	1,622
Applicants Permanently Denied for Lack of Business Integrity	56
Participating Firms Withdrawn from SNAP:	
Permanently Withdrawn for Lack of Business Integrity	37
Time Limited Withdrawal for Lack of Business Integrity	5
Failed to Cooperate with Information Request	39
No State Contract - Applies to State Restaurant Program	24
Did Not Meet SNAP Eligibility Criteria	290
FNS Review Determined Location was No Longer a Retail Food Store	22
No SNAP Transaction Activity	6,845
Non-response to Reauthorization	2,750
Withdrawal for Other Reasons	131
Voluntarily Withdrew	12,260
Total Withdrawals	22,403
Total Actions	89,064

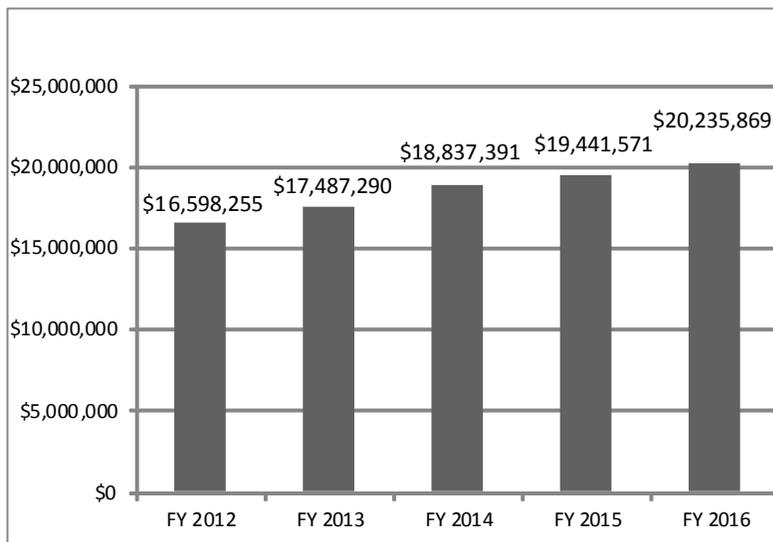
Farmers' Markets and Direct Marketing Farmers

Number of SNAP Authorized Farmers' Markets and Direct Marketing Farmers



- Since 2012, the number of authorized farmers markets and direct marketing farmers has increased by 118 percent.
- Over 50 percent of all authorized markets/farmers are found in twelve states: Alabama (385), California (595), Florida (180), Georgia (273), Iowa (223), Kentucky (255), Massachusetts (246), Michigan (381), North Carolina (309), New York (432), Ohio (193), and Oregon (188)

Value of Farmers' Market and Direct Marketing Farmer SNAP Redemptions



- Since 2012, farmers markets and direct marketing farmer redemptions have increased by 22 percent.
- In fiscal year 2016, program recipients made 1,095,107 purchases at farmers' markets and direct marketing farmers nationwide. The average purchase amount was \$18.60.

*Fiscal Year 2016 Year End Summary shows the adjusted figures for FY 2013 for the annual redemption amount and number of authorized farmers' markets. Prior FY 2013 data included additional firms that were later found not to be farmers' markets or direct marketing farmers.

Key Facts About SNAP Farmers' Market Participation

- More SNAP benefits were redeemed at farmers' markets and direct marketing farmers in fiscal year 2016 during August than any other month of the year.
- Of the 3,234 counties in the U.S., 1,794 (55 percent) have at least one SNAP authorized farmers' market or farmer; this is an increase of two percent over fiscal year 2015.
- 366,972 SNAP households made at least one purchase at a farmers' market in fiscal year 2016. Households shopping at farmers' markets spent \$55.51 on average over the course of the year.
- The top five busiest counties based on the number of SNAP households shopping at farmers' markets or direct marketing farmers are shown below:

County/State	Number of SNAP Households Shopping
New York, NY	23,115
Los Angeles, CA	12,184
St. Louis City, MO	10,983
Wayne, MI	10,450
King, WA	7,802

- 53 percent of the 366,972 households that shopped at a farmers' market or direct marketing farmer made one purchase; another 18 percent made two purchases; and 29 percent made three or more purchases within the year. These percentages have remained relatively unchanged over the last five fiscal years.
- 99 percent of all SNAP transactions at a market or direct marketing farmer were electronic (either swipe or key entry). The remaining one percent were paper voucher authorizations.

Compliance Activity

FNS closely monitors retailers to ensure they comply with Program rules and regulations. FNS may sanction or warn retailers found violating Program rules. Sanctions include permanent or time-limited term disqualifications and civil money penalties. Retailers who commit minor violations are issued official warning letters. Retailers who are disqualified permanently and later sell their stores are also subject to a transfer of ownership civil money penalty.

Sanctions	Total
Permanent Disqualifications	1,845
Time-Limited Term Disqualification	679
Trafficking Civil Money Penalty (CMP)	7
Hardship CMP	88
Total Sanction Actions	2,619
Other Compliance Actions	Total
Transfer of Ownership CMP	257
Official Warning	535
Involuntary Withdrawal (for other than non-redemption)	63
Permanent Involuntary Withdrawal	38
Total Compliance Actions	893
Total Sanction + Compliance Actions	3,512

Completed FNS Undercover Retailer Investigations

	Total	Percent of Total
Total Completed	3,606	100%
Positive Results	1,455	40.35%
Trafficking	288	19.79%
Non-Trafficking	1,167	80.21%
Negative Results	2,110	58.51%
None/No Result	41	1.14%

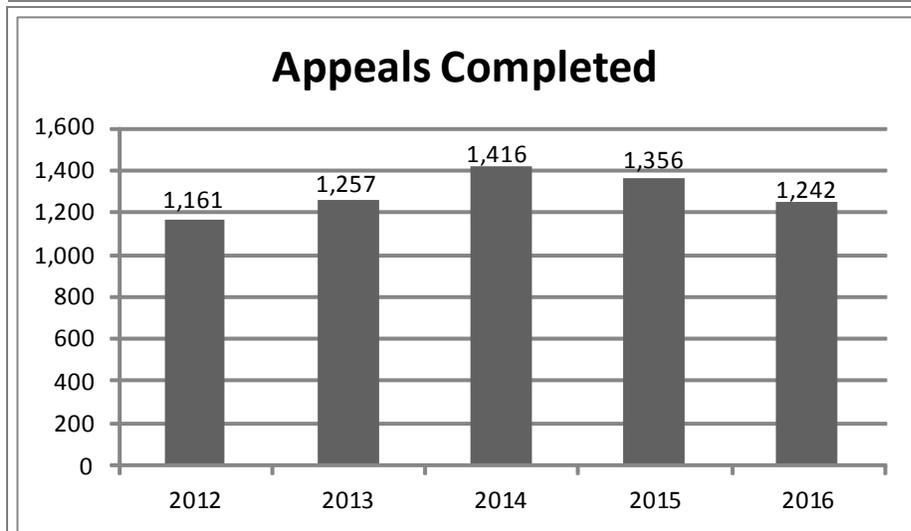
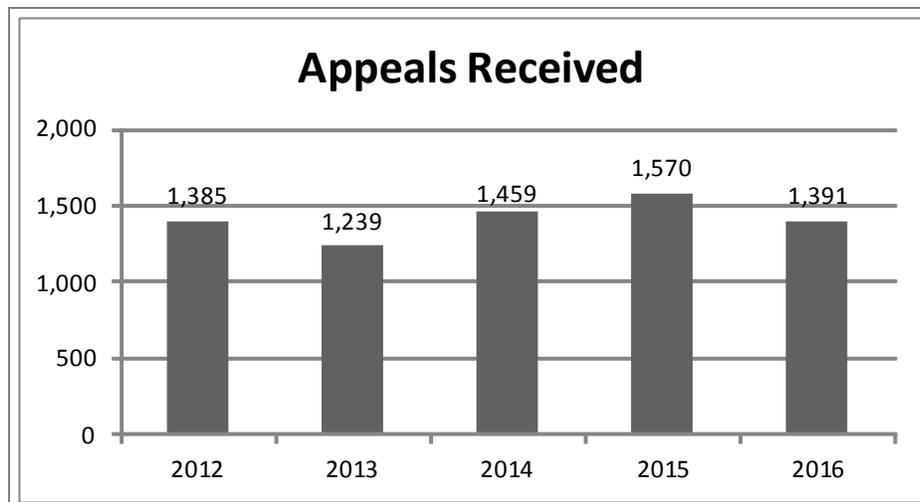
Administrative Review

FNS performs the final administrative review of retailer appeals within USDA. There was a decrease in the number of administrative review requests from 1,570 in fiscal year 2015 to 1,391 in fiscal year 2016. Over 88 percent of cases were upheld in fiscal year 2016.

2016 Administrative Review Case Decisions

Case Decision	Total	Percent
Sustained	1,098	88%
Reversed	37	3%
Moot*	99	8%
Modified	8	1%
Total	1,242	100%

* Of the 99 cases closed as "moot", 10 were withdrawn by appellants, 48 were withdrawn by FNS, 33 were closed as a result of appellants' failure to provide a sufficient basis for review, and eight were withdrawn for unspecified reasons.



Sanctions In Fiscal Year 2016 by State

State	Time-Limited Term Disqualification	Permanent Disqualification	Hardship CMP in Lieu of Term Disqualification	Trafficking CMP in Lieu of Permanent Disqualification	Total
AK	0	0	0	0	0
AL	5	31	1	0	37
AR	2	6	0	0	8
AZ	5	19	0	0	24
CA	128	133	12	1	274
CO	6	4	3	0	13
CT	16	46	1	0	63
DC	2	13	0	0	15
DE	1	12	2	0	15
FL	28	175	4	1	208
GA	27	57	6	0	90
GU	0	4	0	0	4
HI	0	5	0	0	5
IA	3	2	1	0	6
ID	0	2	0	0	2
IL	11	114	2	0	127
IN	7	12	1	0	20
KS	5	3	0	0	8
KY	7	23	2	0	32
LA	11	19	5	1	36
MA	24	31	0	0	55
MD	2	55	1	0	58
ME	0	2	1	0	3
MI	10	27	1	0	38
MN	2	17	0	0	19
MO	7	15	0	0	22
MS	1	12	2	0	15
MT	0	0	0	0	0
NC	21	32	2	0	55
ND	0	1	0	0	1
NE	0	4	0	0	4
NH	0	1	0	0	1
NJ	22	130	1	0	153
NM	1	7	3	0	11
NV	0	10	0	0	10
NY	184	448	8	4	644
OH	18	39	4	0	61

Sanctions In Fiscal Year 2016 by State (continued)

State	Time-Limited Term Disqualification	Permanent Disqualification	Hardship CMP in Lieu of Term Disqualification	Trafficking CMP in Lieu of Permanent Disqualification	Total
OK	14	6	3	0	23
OR	3	4	0	0	7
PA	38	120	2	0	160
RI	5	9	2	0	16
SC	0	18	1	0	19
SD	0	1	0	0	1
TN	8	41	4	0	53
TX	42	53	6	0	101
UT	2	4	1	0	7
VA	1	25	2	0	28
VI	0	16	0	0	16
VT	2	1	0	0	3
WA	3	23	3	0	29
WI	5	9	1	0	15
WV	0	4	0	0	4
WY	0	0	0	0	0
Total	679	1,845	88	7	2,619

Sanctions In Fiscal Year 2016 by Store Type

Store Type	Time-Limited Term Disqualification	Permanent Disqualification	Hardship Civil Money Penalty in Lieu of Time Limited Term Disqualification	Trafficking Civil Money Penalty in Lieu of Permanent Disqualification	Total
Bakery Specialty	0	3	1	0	4
Combination Grocery/Other	13	39	4	0	56
Convenience Store	403	1,128	40	3	1,574
Delivery Route	0	9	0	0	9
Fruits/Vegetables Specialty	1	32	0	0	33
Large Grocery Store	12	3	1	1	17
Meat/Poultry Specialty	2	5	0	0	7
Medium Grocery Store	78	93	15	3	189
Seafood Specialty	1	5	0	0	6
Small Grocery Store	164	528	25	0	717
Super Store	2	0	0	0	2
Supermarket	3	0	2	0	5
Total	679	1,845	88	7	2,619

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