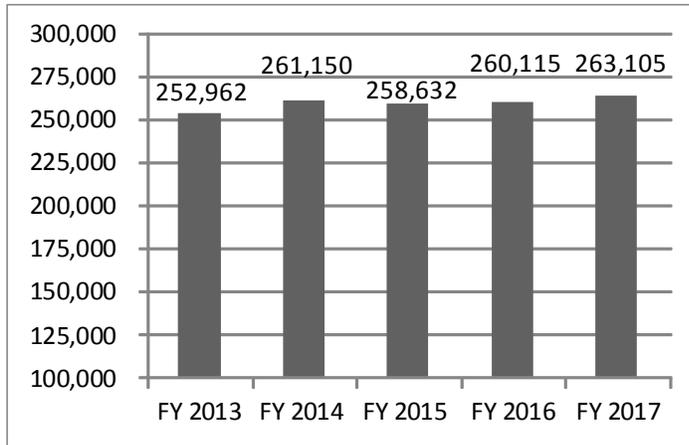


FISCAL YEAR 2017 AT A GLANCE

Number of Authorized Firms



- As of September 30, 2017, 263,105 firms were authorized to participate in SNAP.
- Since 2013, the number of authorized firms has increased by four percent.
- In fiscal year 2017, supermarkets and superstores redeemed 82 percent of all SNAP benefits.

Retailer Administration Activities

FNS performed the following retailer administration activities in fiscal year 2017:

- Approved SNAP participation for 23,421 firms.
- Confirmed the continued eligibility of 44,764 firms through reauthorization.
- Reinstated 1,618 firms.
- Withdrew 19,750 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 2017:

- Reviewed the transactions of over 25,000 stores identified as potentially violating.
- Conducted over 8,300 investigations of authorized retail grocers to determine compliance with program regulations.
- Initiated 3,657 compliance actions on authorized firms found in violation of program regulations. This included:
 - 2,523 sanction actions,
 - 274 transfer of ownership civil monetary penalties, and
 - issuance of 860 warning letters.
- Completed 1,143 reviews of FNS administrative actions appealed by aggrieved firms. FNS sustained 89 percent of all appeals, reversed or modified two percent, and found that nine percent were moot.

Redemptions by Firm Type

Combined, supermarkets and super stores redeem just over 82 percent of all SNAP benefits while making up 14.25 percent of the total number of authorized firms.

Firm Types	Total Firms Authorized	Percent of Total	Redemption Amount	Percent of Total
Bakery Specialty	3,358	1.28%	\$151,292,684	0.24%
Combination Grocery/Other	58,323	22.17%	\$3,397,381,264	5.36%
Convenience Store	119,248	45.32%	\$3,512,752,641	5.55%
Delivery Route	946	0.36%	\$72,518,491	0.11%
Direct Marketing Farmer	3,735	1.42%	\$6,747,340	0.01%
Farmers Market	3,642	1.38%	\$15,692,971	0.02%
Fruits/Veg Specialty	935	0.36%	\$43,404,939	0.07%
Large Grocery Store	3,787	1.44%	\$1,327,284,031	2.10%
Meat/Poultry Specialty	2,607	1.00%	\$314,962,276	0.50%
Medium Grocery Store	9,420	3.58%	\$1,333,647,650	2.11%
Military Commissary	188	0.07%	\$55,453,391	0.09%
Non-profit Food Buying Co-op	269	0.10%	\$17,309,206	0.03%
Seafood Specialty	1,557	0.59%	\$193,696,937	0.31%
Small Grocery Store	13,273	5.04%	\$835,101,473	1.32%
Super Store	19,894	7.56%	\$33,138,289,088	52.33%
Supermarket	17,604	6.69%	\$18,706,754,087	29.54%
Wholesaler	3	0.00%	\$1,814,743	0.00%
Total	258,789	98.36%	\$63,124,103,212	99.68%
Communal Dining Facility	230	0.09%	\$2,613,026	0.00%
Drug and/or Alcohol Treatment Program	949	0.36%	\$47,009,665	0.07%
Group Living Arrangement	571	0.22%	\$75,209,164	0.12%
Homeless Meal Provider	178	0.07%	\$5,101,428	0.01%
Meal Delivery Service	197	0.07%	\$554,408	0.00%
Private Restaurant/Meal Delivery	1,998	0.76%	\$63,530,641	0.10%
Senior Citizens Center/Residential Building	171	0.06%	\$9,514,616	0.02%
Shelter for Battered Women and Children	22	0.01%	\$1,072,568	0.00%
Total	4,316	1.64%	\$204,605,516	0.32%
Total	263, 105	100.00%	\$63,328,708,727	100.00%

Redemptions by Region and State

California, Texas, New York 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
Northeast	Connecticut	2,619	\$648,101,558	1.00%	1.02%
	Maine	1,571	\$230,432,248	0.60%	0.36%
	Massachusetts	5,618	\$1,161,084,240	2.14%	1.83%
	New Hampshire	1,094	\$145,842,711	0.42%	0.23%
	New York	18,633	\$4,672,370,840	7.08%	7.38%
	Rhode Island	994	\$241,222,260	0.38%	0.38%
	Vermont	720	\$75,521,653	0.27%	0.12%
	Region Totals	31,249	\$7,174,575,509	11.88%	11.33%
Mid-Atlantic	Delaware	815	\$215,796,211	0.31%	0.34%
	District of Columbia	479	\$112,202,395	0.18%	0.18%
	Maryland	3,986	\$1,063,881,637	1.51%	1.68%
	New Jersey	6,150	\$1,167,069,676	2.34%	1.84%
	Pennsylvania	10,405	\$2,654,007,892	3.95%	4.19%
	Virgin Islands	91	\$55,412,617	0.03%	0.09%
	Virginia	6,531	\$1,151,239,592	2.48%	1.82%
West Virginia	2,193	\$453,149,289	0.83%	0.72%	
	Region Totals	30,650	\$6,872,759,309	11.65%	10.85%
Southeast	Alabama	5,548	\$1,157,819,822	2.11%	1.83%
	Florida	16,176	\$4,785,319,766	6.15%	7.56%
	Georgia	10,349	\$2,542,748,892	3.93%	4.02%
	Kentucky	4,736	\$965,115,202	1.80%	1.52%
	Mississippi	3,623	\$776,280,254	1.38%	1.23%
	North Carolina	9,693	\$2,100,841,059	3.68%	3.32%
	South Carolina	5,460	\$1,082,444,067	2.08%	1.71%
	Tennessee	7,019	\$1,554,826,815	2.67%	2.46%
	Region Totals	62,604	\$14,965,395,878	23.79%	23.63%
Southwest	Arkansas	2,845	\$525,385,105	1.08%	0.83%
	Louisiana	4,876	\$1,445,623,962	1.85%	2.28%
	New Mexico	1,600	\$650,485,706	0.61%	1.03%
	Oklahoma	3,626	\$857,049,553	1.38%	1.35%
	Texas	20,126	\$5,600,165,305	7.65%	8.84%
	Region Totals	33,073	\$9,078,709,631	12.57%	14.34%

Redemptions by Region and State (continued)

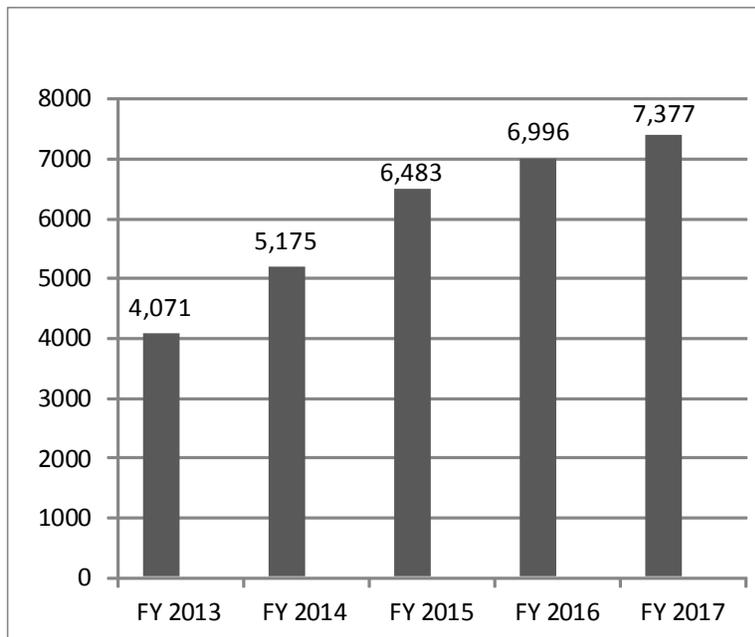
Region	State	Authorized Firms	Redemption Amount	Percent of Total Firms	Percent of Total Redemptions
Midwest	Illinois	9,479	\$2,875,254,331	3.60%	4.54%
	Indiana	5,299	\$995,527,832	2.01%	1.57%
	Michigan	10,115	\$2,048,535,801	3.84%	3.23%
	Minnesota	3,505	\$554,493,603	1.33%	0.88%
	Ohio	9,755	\$2,214,371,946	3.71%	3.50%
	Wisconsin	4,247	\$875,218,911	1.61%	1.38%
	Region Totals		42,400	\$9,563,402,425	16.12%
Mountain Plains	Colorado	2,889	\$707,416,254	1.10%	1.12%
	Iowa	2,944	\$485,365,732	1.12%	0.77%
	Kansas	2,079	\$325,051,474	0.79%	0.51%
	Missouri	5,041	\$1,121,560,960	1.92%	1.77%
	Montana	804	\$169,784,283	0.31%	0.27%
	Nebraska	1,283	\$246,353,238	0.49%	0.39%
	North Dakota	549	\$85,279,705	0.21%	0.13%
	South Dakota	779	\$135,396,359	0.30%	0.21%
	Utah	1,487	\$282,818,194	0.57%	0.45%
	Wyoming	389	\$48,167,933	0.15%	0.08%
Region Totals		18,244	\$3,607,194,132	6.93%	5.70%
Western	Alaska	556	\$191,104,647	0.21%	0.30%
	Arizona	4,256	\$1,328,725,597	1.62%	2.10%
	California	27,215	\$6,780,859,648	10.34%	10.71%
	Guam	258	\$102,917,664	0.10%	0.16%
	Hawaii	1,059	\$474,065,536	0.40%	0.75%
	Idaho	1,098	\$240,127,177	0.42%	0.38%
	Nevada	1,863	\$639,757,245	0.71%	1.01%
	Oregon	3,528	\$955,919,001	1.34%	1.51%
	Washington	5,052	\$1,353,195,329	1.92%	2.14%
Region Totals		44,885	\$12,066,671,844	17.06%	19.05%
National Totals	Totals	263,105	\$63,328,708,727	100.00%	100.00%

Administrative Activity

<u>Administrative Actions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Authorizations:	
Initial Authorization	23,421
Reinstatement	1,618
Total Authorizations	25,039
Reauthorizations:	44,764
Applicants Denied (Time-Limited):	
FNS Review Determined Applicant was Not a Retail Food Store	351
Failed to Cooperate with Information Request	2
Failed to Pay Assessed Monetary Penalty	8
Did Not Meet SNAP Eligibility Criteria	961
Denied for Business Integrity Issue	31
Other	12
Total Term Denials	1,365
Applicants Permanently Denied for Lack of Business Integrity	66
Participating Firms Withdrawn from SNAP:	
Permanently Withdrawn for Lack of Business Integrity	35
Time Limited Withdrawal for Lack of Business Integrity	4
Failed to Cooperate with Information Request	101
No State Contract - Applies to State Restaurant Program	0
Did Not Meet SNAP Eligibility Criteria	278
Failure to Pay	5
FNS Review Determined Location was No Longer a Retail Food Store	44
No SNAP Transaction Activity	4,277
Non-response to Reauthorization	3,127
Withdrawal for Other Reasons	18
Voluntarily Withdrew	11,861
Total Withdrawals	19,750
Total Actions	90,984

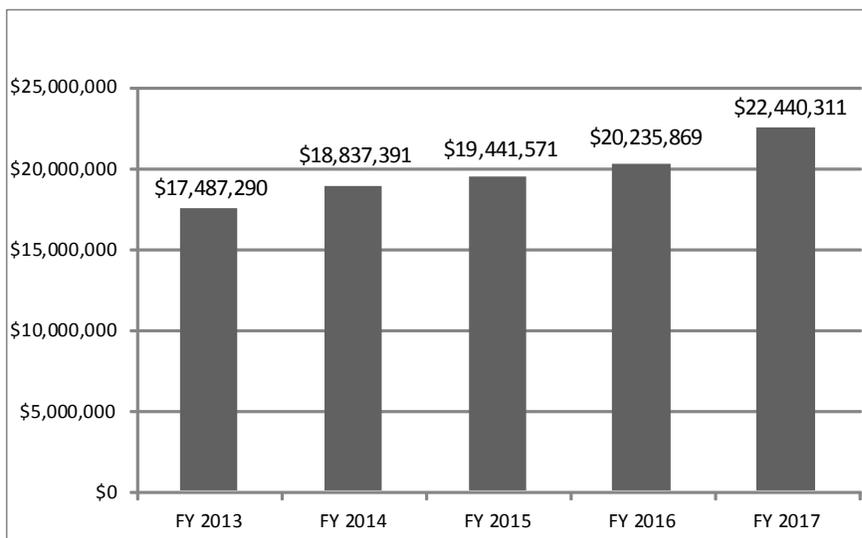
Farmers Markets and Direct Marketing Farmers

Number of SNAP Authorized Farmers Markets and Direct Marketing Farmers



- Since 2013, the number of authorized farmers markets and direct marketing farmers has increased by 81 percent.
- Over 50 percent of all authorized markets and farmers are found in eleven states: California (598), New York (439), Massachusetts (410), Alabama (369), Michigan (365), North Carolina (316), Georgia (282), Kentucky (264), Iowa (237), Ohio (224), and Oregon (195).

Value of Farmers Markets and Direct Marketing Farmers SNAP Redemptions SNAP Redemptions



- Since 2013, farmers markets and direct marketing farmer redemptions have increased by 28 percent.
- In fiscal year 2017, program recipients made 1,235,747 purchases at farmers markets and direct marketing farmers nationwide. The average purchase amount was \$18.62.

*Fiscal Year 2017 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 and Farmer Participation

- More SNAP benefits were redeemed at farmers markets and direct marketing farmers in fiscal year 2017 during August than any other month of the year.
- Of the 3,234 counties in the U.S., 1,840 (57 percent) have at least one SNAP authorized farmers market or farmer; this is an increase of two percent over fiscal year 2016.
- 386,678 SNAP households made at least one purchase at a farmers market or direct marketing farmer in fiscal year 2017. Households shopping at markets or farmers spent \$59.51 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	21,099
Los Angeles, CA	12,020
St. Louis City, MO	9,916
Wayne, MI	9,807
Middlesex, MA	9,740

- 51 percent of the 386,678 households that shopped at a farmers market or direct marketing farmer made one purchase; another 18 percent made two purchases; and 31 percent made three or more purchases within the year.
- 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		1,661
Time-Limited Term Disqualification		728
Trafficking Civil Money Penalty (CMP)		4
Hardship CMP		130
	Total Sanction Actions	2,523
Other Compliance Actions		Total
Transfer of Ownership CMP		274
Official Warning		860
	Total Compliance Actions	1,134
Total Sanction + Compliance Actions		3,657

Completed FNS Undercover Retailer Investigations

	Total	Percent of Total
Total Completed	5,557	100%
Positive Results	2,254	40.56%
Trafficking	313	13.89%
Non-Trafficking	1,941	86.11%
Negative Results	3,163	56.92%
None/No Result	140	2.52%

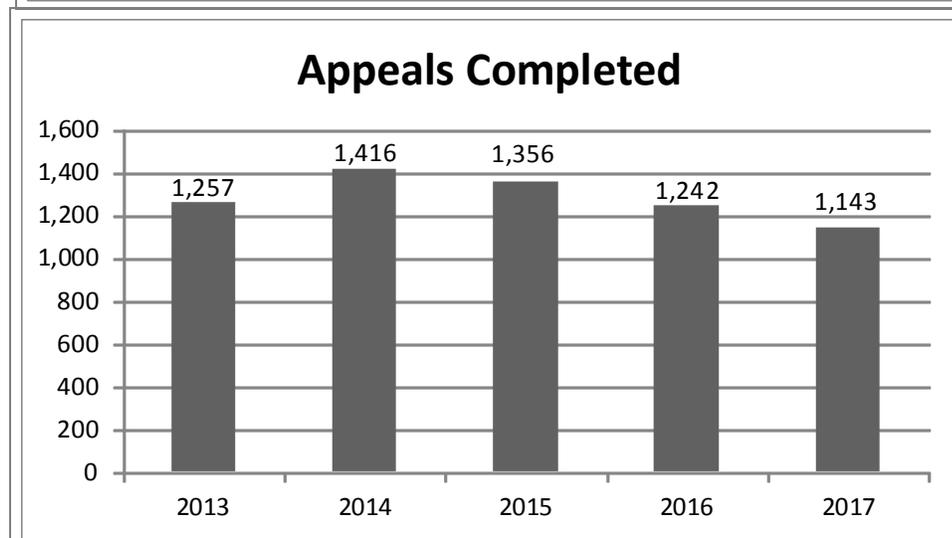
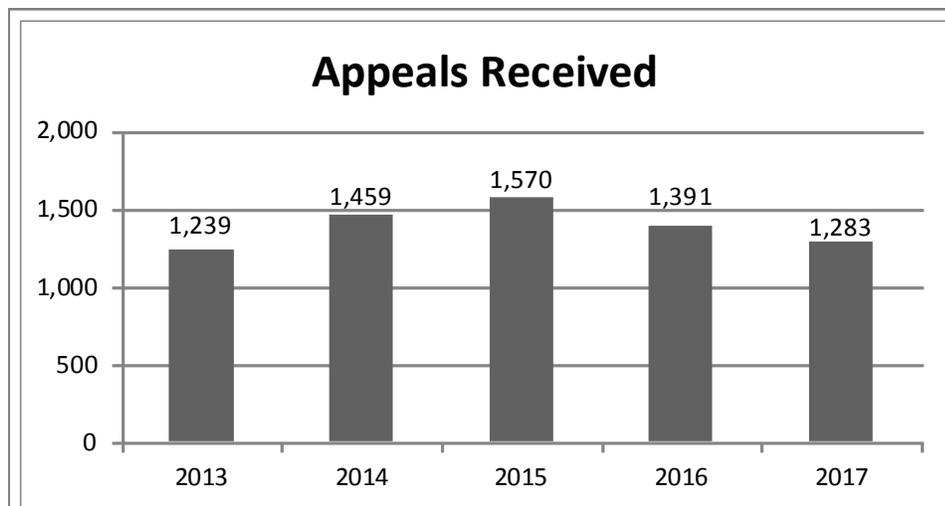
Administrative Review

FNS performs the final administrative review of retailer appeals within USDA. There was a decrease in the number of administrative review requests from 1,391 in fiscal year 2016 to 1,283 in fiscal year 2017. Over 88 percent of cases were upheld in fiscal year 2017.

2017 Administrative Review Case Decisions

Case Decision	Total	Percent
Sustained	1,015	88.80%
Reversed	20	1.75%
Moot*	101	8.84%
Modified	7	0.61%
Total	1,143	100%

* Of the 101 cases closed as “moot”, seven were withdrawn by appellants, 57 were withdrawn by FNS, 34 were closed as a result of appellants’ failure to provide a sufficient basis for review, and three were withdrawn for unspecified reasons.



Sanctions In Fiscal Year 2017 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	11	22	4	0	37
AR	7	4	4	0	15
AZ	8	14	2	1	25
CA	86	107	11	0	204
CO	2	10	1	0	13
CT	34	52	4	0	90
DC	4	8	0	0	12
DE	1	1	0	0	2
FL	42	80	5	0	127
GA	25	74	7	1	107
GU	0	6	0	0	6
HI	0	6	0	0	6
IA	2	4	0	0	6
ID	0	1	0	0	1
IL	28	130	7	0	165
IN	4	16	4	0	24
KS	4	1	1	0	6
KY	17	20	9	0	46
LA	3	29	1	1	34
MA	8	37	1	0	46
MD	5	51	1	0	57
ME	0	2	0	0	2
MI	8	41	1	0	50
MN	9	5	2	0	16
MO	11	11	1	0	23
MS	10	14	2	0	26
MT	0	0	0	0	0
NC	19	30	8	0	57
ND	0	0	0	0	0
NE	1	1	0	0	2
NH	0	0	0	0	0
NJ	37	84	3	0	124
NM	1	4	1	0	6
NV	1	6	0	0	7
NY	173	406	13	0	592
OH	6	16	3	0	25

Sanctions In Fiscal Year 2017 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	3	3	4	0	10
OR	4	3	0	0	7
PA	80	179	11	0	270
RI	5	17	0	0	22
SC	3	9	0	0	12
SD	0	0	0	0	0
TN	8	32	2	0	42
TX	41	89	11	1	142
UT	0	1	0	0	1
VA	4	9	4	0	17
VI	0	1	0	0	1
VT	1	0	0	0	1
WA	5	7	0	0	12
WI	6	13	2	0	21
WV	1	5	0	0	6
WY	0	0	0	0	0
Total	728	1,661	130	4	2,523

Sanctions In Fiscal Year 2017 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	2	0	0	2
Combination Grocery/Other	14	52	6	0	72
Convenience Store	468	969	64	3	1,504
Delivery Route	0	6	0	0	6
Fruits/Vegetables Specialty	0	8	0	0	8
Large Grocery Store	7	4	5	0	16
Meat/Poultry Specialty	0	4	1	0	5
Medium Grocery Store	45	71	14	1	131
Seafood Specialty	0	6	0	0	6
Small Grocery Store	193	539	36	0	768
Super Store	0	0	3	0	3
Supermarket	1	0	1	0	2
Total	728	1,661	130	4	2,523

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