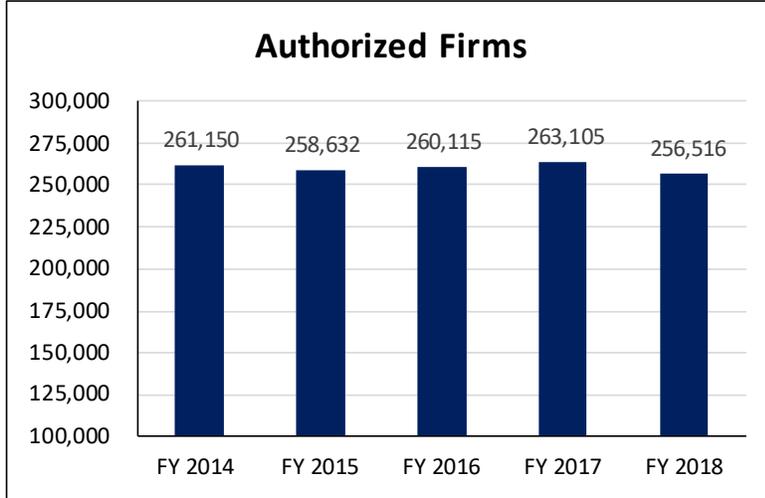


FISCAL YEAR 2018 YEAR END SUMMARY

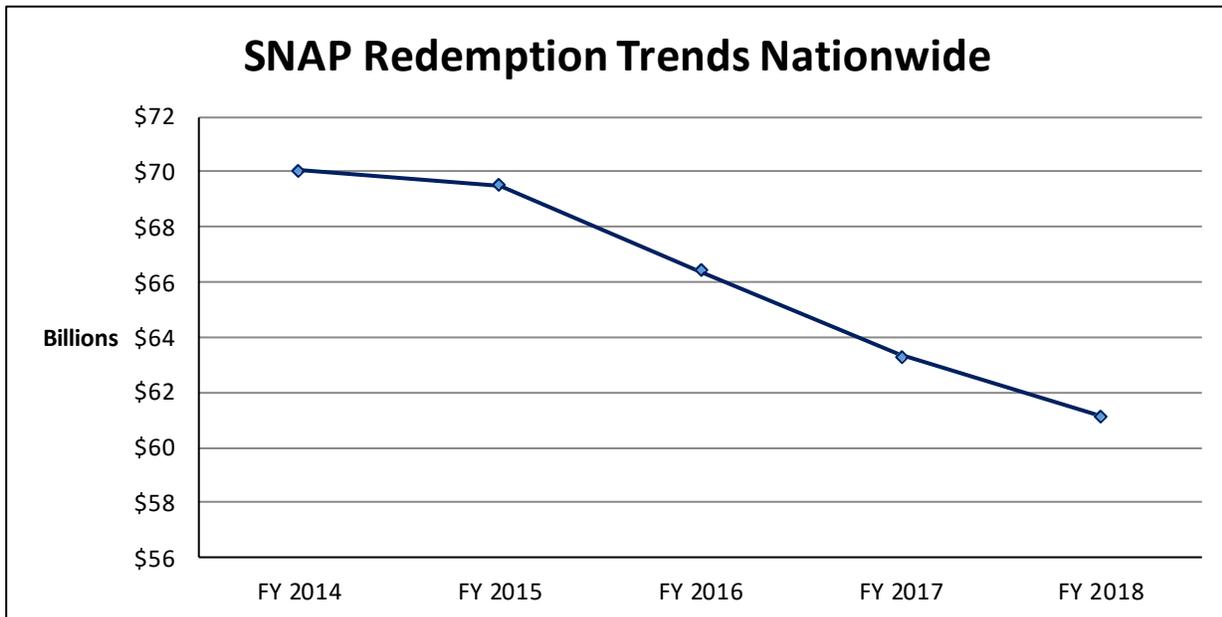
Number of SNAP Authorized Firms



- As of September 30, 2018, there were 256,516 firms authorized to participate in SNAP.
- Since 2014, the number of authorized firms has decreased by two percent.

SNAP Redemptions by Fiscal Year

Nationally SNAP redemptions have decreased each year since 2014 and were approximately \$61 billion in fiscal year 2018; this is a three percent decrease from the year prior.



Redemptions by Firm Type

Combined, supermarkets and super stores redeem just over 82 percent of all SNAP benefits while making up 14.69 percent of the total number of authorized firms.

Firm Types	Total Firms Authorized	Percent of Total	Redemption Amount	Percent of Total
Bakery Specialty	3,085	1.20%	\$133,504,926	0.22%
Combination Grocery/Other	58,785	22.92%	\$3,330,774,623	5.45%
Convenience Store	115,456	45.00%	\$3,266,710,457	5.35%
Delivery Route	788	0.31%	\$61,325,428	0.10%
Direct Marketing Farmer	3,719	1.45%	\$8,982,671	0.01%
Farmers Market	3,487	1.36%	\$15,101,728	0.02%
Fruits/Veg Specialty	876	0.34%	\$42,895,641	0.07%
Large Grocery Store	3,749	1.46%	\$1,189,588,740	1.95%
Meat/Poultry Specialty	2,488	0.97%	\$288,012,502	0.47%
Medium Grocery Store	8,788	3.43%	\$1,182,408,471	1.93%
Military Commissary	187	0.07%	\$49,442,376	0.08%
Non-profit Food Buying Co-op	187	0.07%	\$14,541,103	0.02%
Seafood Specialty	1,343	0.55%	\$180,691,235	0.30%
Small Grocery Store	11,331	4.42%	\$685,656,521	1.12%
Super Store	19,785	7.71%	\$32,304,576,508	52.86%
Supermarket	17,894	6.98%	\$18,157,156,052	29.71%
Total	251,948	98.22%	\$60,911,368,981	99.66%
Communal Dining Facility	218	0.08%	\$2,316,543	0.00%
Drug and/or Alcohol Treatment Program	919	0.36%	\$43,230,494	0.07%
Group Living Arrangement	560	0.22%	\$75,109,868	0.12%
Homeless Meal Provider	168	0.07%	\$5,220,368	0.01%
Meal Delivery Service	187	0.07%	\$538,845	0.00%
Private Restaurant/Meal Delivery	2,326	0.91%	\$68,255,695	0.11%
Senior Citizens Center/Residential Building	168	0.07%	\$9,114,904	0.01%
Shelter for Battered Women and Children	22	0.01%	\$1,193,594	0.00%
Total	4,568	1.78%	\$204,980,309	0.34%
Total	256,516	100%	\$61,116,349,291	100%

Redemptions by Region and State

California, Florida, Texas, and New York 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	2,532	\$614,018,043	0.99%	1.00%
	Maine	1,534	\$215,608,124	0.60%	0.35%
	Massachusetts	5,508	\$1,161,235,795	2.15%	1.90%
	New Hampshire	1,081	\$134,546,170	0.42%	0.22%
	New York	17,948	\$4,448,544,794	7.00%	7.28%
	Rhode Island	937	\$233,917,388	0.37%	0.38%
	Vermont	713	\$69,950,197	0.28%	0.11%
	Region Totals	30,253	\$6,877,820,510	11.79%	11.25%
Mid-Atlantic	Delaware	785	\$202,051,329	0.31%	0.33%
	District of Columbia	456	\$105,582,202	0.18%	0.17%
	Maryland	3,762	\$984,423,733	1.47%	1.61%
	New Jersey	5,968	\$1,070,141,160	2.33%	1.75%
	Pennsylvania	10,171	\$2,568,454,573	3.97%	4.20%
	Virgin Islands	82	\$79,909,134	0.03%	0.13%
	Virginia	6,446	\$1,087,408,917	2.51%	1.78%
	West Virginia	2,145	\$416,581,435	0.84%	0.68%
Region Totals	29,815	\$6,514,552,483	11.62%	10.66%	
Southeast	Alabama	5,239	\$1,083,457,368	2.04%	1.77%
	Florida	15,521	\$5,777,187,686	6.05%	9.45%
	Georgia	9,832	\$2,362,433,700	3.83%	3.87%
	Kentucky	4,633	\$879,799,216	1.81%	1.44%
	Mississippi	3,469	\$713,135,677	1.35%	1.17%
	North Carolina	9,366	\$1,885,815,486	3.65%	3.09%
	South Carolina	5,233	\$964,232,162	2.04%	1.58%
	Tennessee	6,724	\$1,397,253,906	2.62%	2.29%
	Region Totals	60,017	\$15,063,315,200	23.40%	24.65%
Southwest	Arkansas	2,746	\$494,403,051	1.07%	0.81%
	Louisiana	4,617	\$1,295,018,497	1.80%	2.12%
	New Mexico	1,581	\$619,024,531	0.62%	1.01%
	Oklahoma	3,557	\$811,995,101	1.39%	1.33%
	Texas	19,971	\$5,836,428,708	7.79%	9.55%
	Region Totals	32,472	\$9,056,869,889	12.66%	14.82%

Redemptions by Region and State (continued)

Region	State	Authorized Firms	Redemption Amount	Percent of Total Firms	Percent of Total Redemptions
Midwest	Illinois	9,283	\$2,700,949,186	3.62%	4.42%
	Indiana	5,256	\$909,202,585	2.05%	1.49%
	Michigan	9,813	\$1,900,615,478	3.82%	3.11%
	Minnesota	3,492	\$514,410,616	1.36%	0.84%
	Ohio	9,593	\$2,065,801,626	3.74%	3.38%
	Wisconsin	4,182	\$819,942,881	1.63%	1.34%
	Region Totals		41,619	\$8,910,922,371	16.22%
Mountain Plains	Colorado	2,880	\$672,250,442	1.12%	1.10%
	Iowa	2,962	\$451,137,429	1.15%	0.74%
	Kansas	2,081	\$301,508,197	0.81%	0.49%
	Missouri	4,947	\$1,066,784,954	1.93%	1.75%
	Montana	799	\$157,065,208	0.31%	0.26%
	Nebraska	1,292	\$234,040,337	0.50%	0.38%
	North Dakota	552	\$82,623,600	0.21%	0.14%
	South Dakota	794	\$125,887,546	0.31%	0.21%
	Utah	1,465	\$256,424,261	0.57%	0.42%
	Wyoming	384	\$42,410,177	0.15%	0.07%
Region Totals		18,156	\$3,390,132,151	7.08%	5.55%
Western	Alaska	536	\$186,671,667	0.21%	0.31%
	Arizona	4,370	\$1,207,835,668	1.70%	1.98%
	California	26,599	\$6,362,195,203	10.37%	10.41%
	Guam	251	\$105,297,179	0.10%	0.17%
	Hawaii	1,014	\$463,723,986	0.40%	0.76%
	Idaho	1,087	\$206,827,509	0.42%	0.34%
	Nevada	1,870	\$628,193,743	0.72%	1.03%
	Oregon	3,469	\$882,733,411	1.35%	1.44%
	Washington	4,940	\$1,259,258,321	1.93%	2.06%
Region Totals		44,136	\$11,302,736,686	17.22%	18.50%
National Totals	Totals		\$61,116,349,291	100%	100%

Sanctions by Firm 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	2	0	4
Combination Grocery/Other	21	45	16	1	83
Convenience Store	589	941	83	1	1,614
Direct Marketing Farmer	1	1	0	0	2
Delivery Route	2	4	0	0	6
Fruits/Veg Specialty	0	3	0	0	3
Large Grocery Store	9	3	4	0	16
Meat/Poultry Specialty	2	6	1	0	9
Medium Grocery Store	65	78	34	1	178
Private Restaurant/Meal Delivery	0	1	0	0	1
Seafood Specialty	0	8	1	0	9
Small Grocery Store	229	463	41		733
Supermarket	1	0	1	0	2
Super Store	2	0	0	0	2
Total	921	1,555	183	3	2,662

Sanctions by State

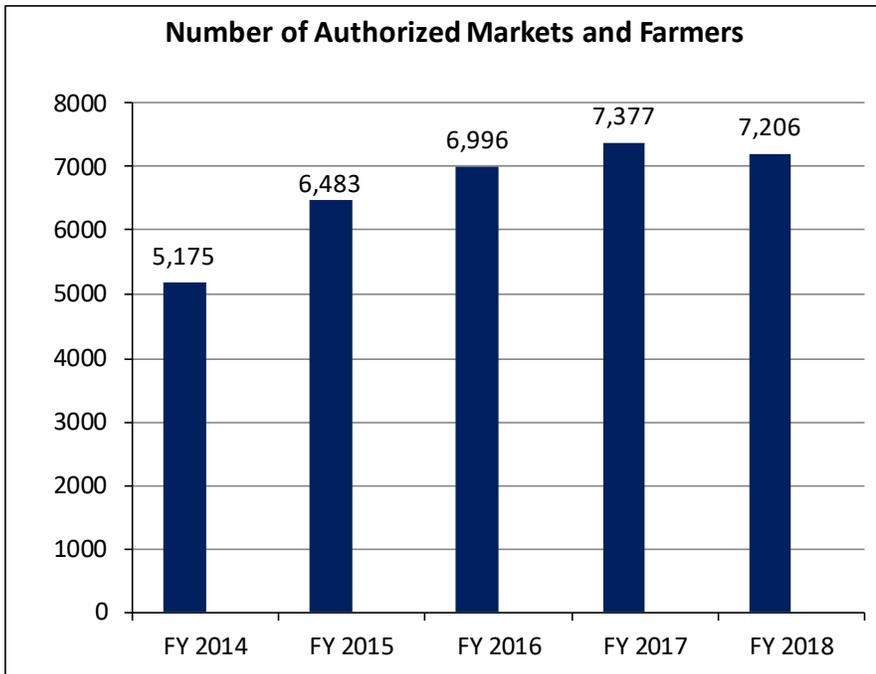
State	Time-Limited Term Disqualification	Permanent Disqualification	Hardship CMP in Lieu of Term Disqualification	Trafficking CMP in Lieu of Permanent Disqualification	Total
AK	0	0	0	0	0
AL	8	15	4	0	27
AR	3	6	0	0	9
AZ	2	14	1	0	17
CA	91	142	19	1	253
CO	2	3	5	0	10
CT	26	48	4	0	78
DC	4	9	0	0	13
DE	6	4	2	0	12
FL	62	73	10	0	145
GA	28	72	7	0	107
GU	0	4	0	0	4
HI	0	2	0	0	2
IA	1	2	0	0	3
ID	0	0	0	0	0
IL	26	97	6	0	129
IN	7	13	2	0	22
KS	2	1	3	0	6
KY	21	16	5	0	42
LA	17	37	2	0	56
MA	24	47	8	0	79
MD	22	36	1	0	59
ME	1	1	1	0	3
MI	18	41	9	0	68
MN	4	6	2	0	12
MO	11	9	0	0	20
MS	8	4	3	0	15
MT	0	1	0	0	1
NC	36	24	15	0	75
ND	0	1	1	0	2
NE	1	1	0	0	2
NH	2	0	0	0	2
NJ	59	88	8	0	155
NM	2	1	0	0	3
NV	2	6	1	0	9
NY	221	387	18	0	626
OH	21	40	5	0	66

Sanctions 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	5	6	2	0	13
OR	0	5	1	0	6
PA	75	128	14	0	217
RI	5	14	0	0	19
SC	10	15	5	0	30
SD	2	1	0	0	3
TN	8	19	3	1	31
TX	49	69	5	1	124
UT	0	1	0	0	1
VA	9	17	6	0	32
VI	0	2	0	0	2
VT	1	0	0	0	1
WA	9	12	2	0	23
WI	8	15	1	0	24
WV	2	0	2	0	4
WY	0	0	0	0	0
Total	921	1,555	183	3	2,662

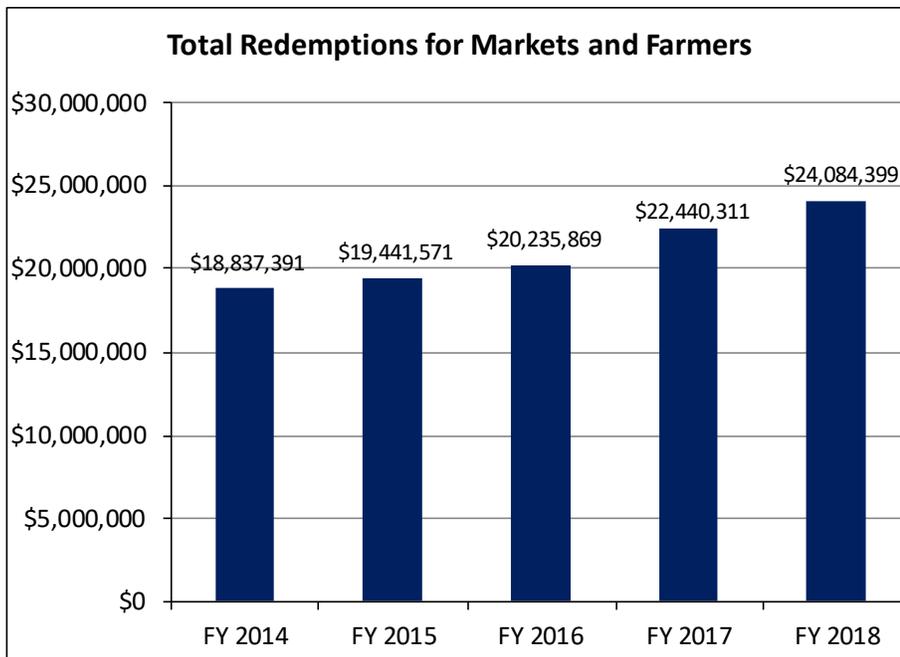
Farmers Markets and Direct Marketing Farmers

- Since 2014, the number of authorized farmers markets and direct marketing farmers has increased by 39 percent.
- Over 50 percent of all authorized markets and farmers are found in twelve states: California (586), Massachusetts (458), New York (396), Alabama (342), Michigan (338), North Carolina (305), Georgia (263), Kentucky (255), Iowa (236), Ohio (206), Oregon (190), and Virginia (184).



Key Facts

- Since 2014, farmers markets and direct marketing farmer redemptions have increased by 28 percent.
- In fiscal year 2018, program recipients made 1,365,648 purchases at farmers markets and direct marketing farmers nationwide. The average purchase amount was \$18.53.
- More SNAP benefits were redeemed at farmers markets and direct marketing farmers in fiscal year 2018 during September than any other month of the year.
- 367,894 SNAP households made at least one purchase at a farmers market or direct marketing farmer in fiscal year 2018.
- 49 percent of the 367,894 households that shopped at a farmers market or direct marketing farmer made one purchase; another 19 percent made two purchases; and 32 percent made three or more purchases within the year.



Operational Retailer Management Activity

Authorizations:

Initial Authorization	18,831
Reinstatement	1,666
Total Authorizations	20,497

Reauthorizations:

25,396

Applicants Denied:

Did Not Meet SNAP Eligibility Criteria	2,361
Business Integrity Issue	101
Failed to Pay Assessed Monetary Penalty	13
Failed to Cooperate with Information Request	4
Denied for Other Reasons	7
Total Denials	2,486

Participating Firms Withdrawn :

Voluntarily Withdrew	10,994
No SNAP Transaction Activity	7,847
Did Not Respond to Reauthorization	4,090
Did Not Meet SNAP Eligibility Criteria	1,388
Failed to Cooperate with Information Request	73
Business Integrity Issue	51
Withdrawn for Other Reasons	212
Total Withdrawals	24,655

Total Actions

73,034

Compliance Activity

In fiscal year 2018, FNS reviewed 27,903 stores identified as potentially violating and conducted over 9,477 investigations of authorized retail grocers to determine compliance with program 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	1,555
Time-Limited Term Disqualification	921
Trafficking Civil Money Penalty (CMP)	3
Hardship CMP	183
Total Sanction Actions	2,662
Other Compliance Actions	Total
Transfer of Ownership CMP	264
Official Warning	1,039
Involuntary Withdrawal (for other than non-redemption)	226
Permanent Involuntary Withdrawal	40
Unauthorized Acceptance Fine	4
Total Compliance Actions	1,573
Total Sanction + Compliance Actions	4,235

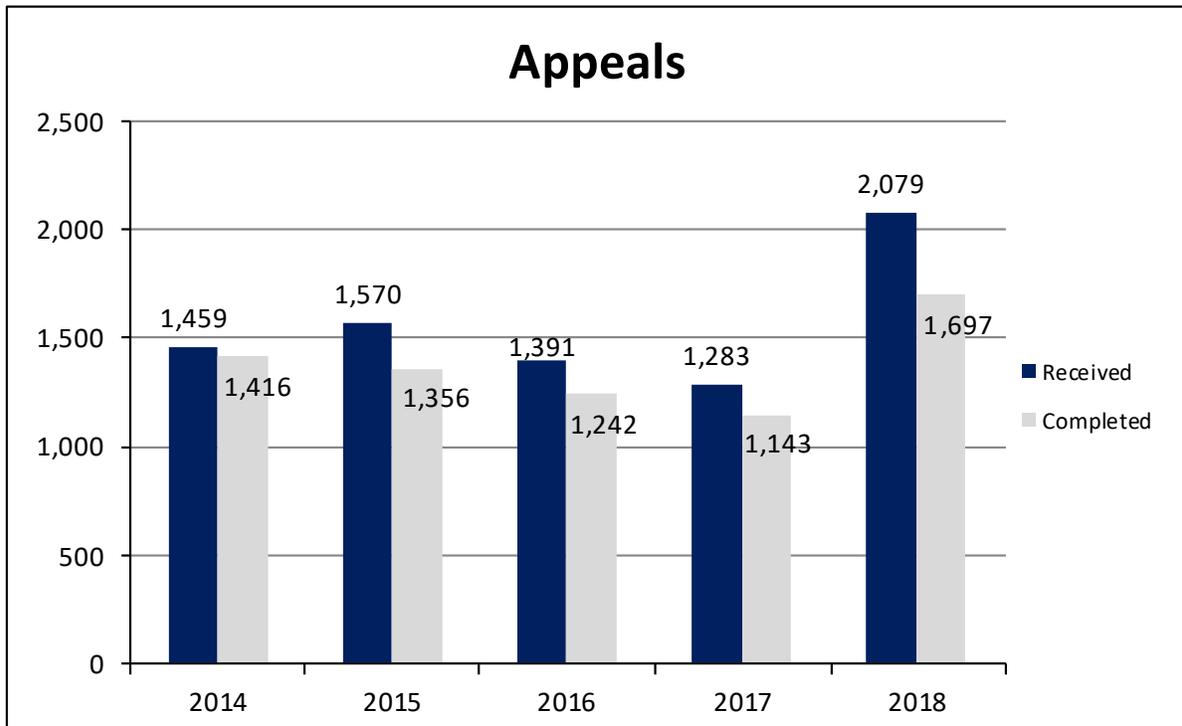
Administrative Review

FNS performs the final administrative review of retailers aggrieved of an FNS action to deny, withdraw or disqualify their store. There was an increase in the number of administrative review requests from 1,283 in fiscal year 2017 to 2,079 in fiscal year 2018. Over 87 percent of cases were upheld in fiscal year 2018.

Case Decisions

Case Decision	Total	Percent
Sustained	1,492	87.92%
Reversed	25	1.47%
Moot*	177	10.43%
Modified	3	0.18%
Total	1,697	100%

*Request was withdrawn or sufficient basis for the review was not provided.



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