

**STATE OF ORIGIN FOR USDA FOODS IN FISCAL YEAR 2016**

**Background**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service’s (FNS) Food Distribution Programs provide food and nutrition assistance to schoolchildren and families and support American agriculture by distributing high-quality, 100-percent American-grown USDA Foods.

This report analyzes State-of-origin data for fiscal year (FY) 2016,<sup>1</sup> which captures information on States where USDA purchased foods in that year.

In FY 2016, FNS worked with USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) to procure foods, including meat, poultry, fish, fruits, vegetables, grains, and dairy products, through a competitive procurement process. Following procurement, organizations such as food banks, emergency feeding organizations, Indian Tribal Organizations, schools, and other feeding organizations receive these USDA Foods for use in meal service or distribution to households, increasing access to nutritious foods.

USDA offers a variety of food options to these organizations. The organizations choose what to order based on several factors, including recipients’ preferences, storage and distribution capacity, and program requirements. Orders are filled through a competitive procurement process.

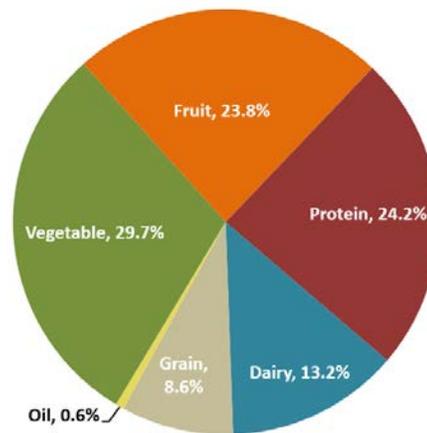
**In FY 2016, USDA purchased over 2 billion pounds of food, at a cost of nearly \$2 billion.** This included minimally processed food products such as meats, vegetables, and fruits; products used in further processed foods; as well as ready-to-eat food products such as cereal, crackers, and cheese.<sup>2</sup>

**Data and Methods**

This analysis uses purchase data from the USDA Web Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) System<sup>3</sup> to calculate the USDA Foods total dollar value and total volume (weight) by State of origin. It also summarizes the data to determine the distribution by product category type, such as meats, fruits, and vegetables. Additional information about each food includes the product name, type, weight in pounds, and the cost in dollars. The State of origin indicates where the product was packed, but may not identify where the product was grown or raised. This FY 2016 report includes a minor change in methodology to focus only on USDA Foods entitlement purchases, removing approximately \$300 million in purchases made through a separate fund and included in earlier reports in the series.

**Results**

**Figure 1. Percentage of USDA Foods Purchased by Food Category (Pounds Purchased) in Fiscal Year 2016**



**Vegetable products including fresh, frozen, canned or dried options accounted for the largest proportion (nearly 30 percent) of USDA Foods by weight purchased in FY 2016.** Fruits and proteins represented the second and third largest weight share of USDA Foods purchased (over 20 percent each).

<sup>1</sup> Available online at [http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/foods/food\\_purchases.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/foods/food_purchases.htm)

<sup>2</sup> Note that these data do not include USDA Department of Defense Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program purchases.

<sup>3</sup> Available online at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/WBSCM/default.htm>



**Table 1. Volume, Dollar Value, and Dollar Value Per Capita of USDA Foods Purchased  
By State in Fiscal Year 2016**

State*	USDA Foods Purchased Volume in Pounds	USDA Foods Purchased in Dollars	2016 State Population Estimates (Thousands)**	USDA Foods Purchased Per Capita
Alaska	7,152,660	\$10,044,837	742	\$13.55
Alabama	17,769,000	\$12,906,733	4,861	\$2.66
Arkansas	49,962,384	\$32,202,788	2,988	\$10.78
American Samoa	6,810,811	\$12,518,561	56	\$225.48
Arizona	12,588,654	\$5,683,797	6,909	\$0.82
California	401,517,980	\$468,426,288	39,296	\$11.92
Colorado	6,793,280	\$7,454,099	5,530	\$1.35
Florida	13,561,687	\$14,386,397	20,657	\$0.70
Georgia	44,534,512	\$65,710,189	10,314	\$6.37
Iowa	39,789,224	\$39,132,961	3,131	\$12.50
Idaho	59,295,568	\$19,313,205	1,680	\$11.50
Illinois	70,305,885	\$126,263,179	12,836	\$9.84
Indiana	66,882,141	\$32,828,899	6,634	\$4.95
Kansas	37,876,120	\$22,788,498	2,908	\$7.84
Kentucky	18,385,960	\$19,296,116	4,436	\$4.35
Massachusetts	5,857,718	\$3,241,393	6,824	\$0.48
Maryland	7,505,271	\$3,164,363	6,025	\$0.53
Maine	66,612,702	\$9,543,385	1,330	\$7.17
Michigan	267,184,587	\$119,364,897	9,933	\$12.02
Minnesota	169,799,521	\$254,804,199	5,525	\$46.12
Missouri	24,519,280	\$23,484,265	6,091	\$3.86
Mississippi	1,040,000	\$4,824,400	2,985	\$1.62
North Carolina	22,211,847	\$23,127,220	10,157	\$2.28
North Dakota	18,293,905	\$6,706,497	756	\$8.88
Nebraska	6,364,420	\$6,377,326	1,908	\$3.34
New Jersey	15,716,660	\$8,602,726	8,978	\$0.96
New Mexico	30,537,194	\$50,158,751	2,085	\$24.05
Nevada	1,069,920	\$1,534,628	2,939	\$0.52
New York	33,495,669	\$17,884,249	19,836	\$0.90
Ohio	32,404,069	\$46,611,791	11,623	\$4.01
Oklahoma	16,850,120	\$14,960,560	3,921	\$3.82
Oregon	13,837,890	\$9,230,485	4,086	\$2.26
Pennsylvania	153,290,328	\$132,406,332	12,787	\$10.35
Puerto Rico	965,100	\$386,631	3,407	\$0.11
South Carolina	56,587,075	\$42,282,455	4,960	\$8.52
Tennessee	38,062,200	\$51,098,895	6,649	\$7.68
Texas	39,027,223	\$45,327,387	27,905	\$1.62
Utah	30,895,115	\$10,507,387	3,044	\$3.45
Virginia	4,122,740	\$4,807,155	8,414	\$0.57
Vermont	79,920	\$99,252	623	\$0.16
Washington	98,670,460	\$47,148,454	7,281	\$6.48
Wisconsin	157,708,019	\$64,857,043	5,773	\$11.23
West Virginia	9,972,000	\$7,600,320	1,829	\$4.16
	<b>2,175,906,819</b>	<b>\$1,899,098,992</b>	<b>310,651</b>	<b>\$6.11</b> ***

\* No USDA Foods were purchased from Connecticut, District of Columbia, Delaware, Hawaii, Louisiana, Montana, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, South Dakota, or Wyoming.

\*\*2016 Census Population Estimates by State, <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2017/demo/pep/states-total.html> .

American Samoa Population Estimate 2010 Census (Most Recent) <https://www.census.gov/2010census/news/releases/operations/cb11-cn177.html> .

\*\*\*National Per Capita Rate excludes States with no products purchased.

