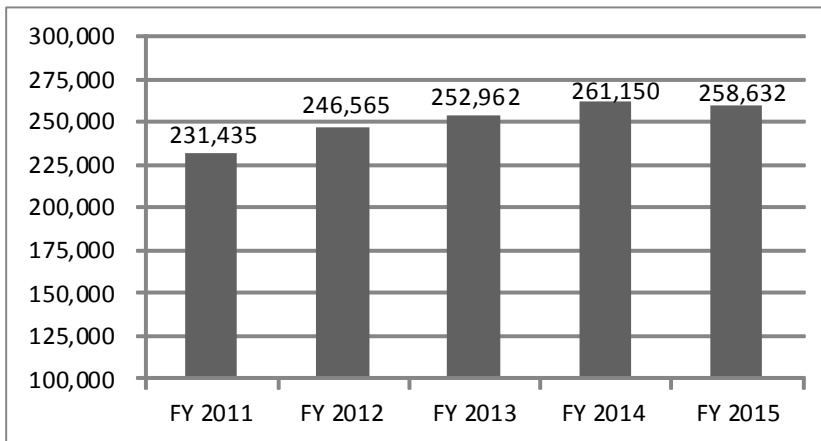


FISCAL YEAR 2015 AT A GLANCE

Number of Authorized Firms



- As of September 30, 2015 258,632 firms were authorized to participate in SNAP.
- Since 2011, the number of authorized firms has increased by 12 percent.
- In fiscal year 2015, supermarkets and superstores redeemed 82 percent of all SNAP benefits.

Retailer Administration Activities

FNS performed the following retailer administration activities in fiscal year 2015:

- Approved SNAP participation for 28,428 firms.
- Confirmed the continued eligibility of 44,359 firms through reauthorization.
- Reinstated 1,493 firms.
- Withdrew 29,983 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 2015:

- Reviewed the transactions of over 17,900 stores identified as potentially violating.
- Conducted nearly 7,400 investigations of authorized retail grocers to determine compliance with program regulations.
- Initiated 3,711 compliance actions on authorized firms found in violation of program regulations. This included:
 - 2,693 sanction actions,
 - 260 transfer of ownership civil monetary penalties,
 - 106 involuntary withdrawals,
 - 4 unauthorized acceptance fines, and
 - issuance of 648 warning letters.
- Completed 1,356 reviews of FNS administrative actions appealed by aggrieved firms. FNS sustained 89 percent of all appeals, reversed or modified 2 percent, and found that 8 percent were moot.

Redemptions by Firm Type

Combined, supermarkets and super stores redeem just under 82 percent of all SNAP benefits while making up only 14.29 percent of the total number of authorized firms.

Firm Types	Total Firms Authorized	Percent of Total	Redemption Amount	Percent of Total
Bakery Specialty	3,313	1.28%	\$169,661,887	0.24%
Combination Grocery/Other	66,896	25.87%	\$4,579,132,165	6.59%
Convenience Store	106,531	41.19%	\$3,494,342,918	5.03%
Delivery Route	953	0.37%	\$97,600,280	0.14%
Direct Marketing Farmer	3,245	1.25%	\$5,687,461	0.01%
Farmers' Market	3,238	1.25%	\$13,754,110	0.02%
Fruits/Veg Specialty	1,055	0.41%	\$66,497,712	0.10%
Large Grocery Store	3,591	1.39%	\$1,048,870,392	1.51%
Meat/Poultry Specialty	2,794	1.08%	\$407,333,744	0.59%
Medium Grocery Store	10,858	4.20%	\$1,376,781,751	1.98%
Military Commissary	187	0.07%	\$80,234,725	0.12%
Non-profit Food Buying Co-op	354	0.14%	\$25,207,102	0.04%
Seafood Specialty	1,432	0.55%	\$168,301,033	0.24%
Small Grocery Store	12,277	4.75%	\$755,975,667	1.09%
Super Store	18,844	7.29%	\$32,562,141,670	46.85%
Supermarket	19,024	7.36%	\$24,452,134,763	35.18%
Wholesaler	1	0.00%	\$601,576	0.00%
Total	254,593	98.44%	\$69,304,258,956	99.71%
Communal Dining Facility	245	0.09%	\$3,169,948	0.00%
Drug and/or Alcohol Treatment Program	938	0.36%	\$48,019,387	0.07%
Group Living Arrangement	570	0.22%	\$72,862,856	0.10%
Homeless Meal Provider	184	0.07%	\$6,598,721	0.01%
Meal Delivery Service	168	0.06%	\$832,786	0.00%
Private Restaurant/Meal Delivery	1,764	0.68%	\$61,458,919	0.09%
Senior Citizens Center/Residential Building	141	0.05%	\$8,974,377	0.01%
Shelter for Battered Women and Children	29	0.01%	\$968,998	0.00%
Total	4,039	1.56%	\$202,885,993	0.29%
Total	258,632	100.00%	\$69,507,144,949	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	2,655	\$708,886,061	1.03%	1.02%
	Maine	1,569	\$276,857,874	0.61%	0.40%
	Massachusetts	5,350	\$1,206,421,324	2.07%	1.74%
	New Hampshire	1,044	\$169,113,382	0.40%	0.24%
	New York	18,932	\$4,973,846,443	7.32%	7.16%
	Rhode Island	990	\$257,349,806	0.38%	0.37%
	Vermont	727	\$85,184,397	0.28%	0.12%
	Region Totals		31,267	\$7,677,659,287	12.09%
Mid- Atlantic	Delaware	818	\$233,904,636	0.32%	0.34%
	District of Columbia	504	\$126,977,160	0.19%	0.18%
	Maryland	4,047	\$1,224,992,330	1.56%	1.76%
	New Jersey	6,241	\$1,338,530,532	2.41%	1.93%
	Pennsylvania	10,344	\$2,689,105,471	4.00%	3.87%
	Virgin Islands	108	\$55,908,835	0.04%	0.08%
	Virginia	6,436	\$1,271,224,900	2.49%	1.83%
	West Virginia	2,173	\$468,587,473	0.84%	0.67%
Region Totals		30,671	\$7,409,231,339	11.86%	10.66%
Southeast	Alabama	5,489	\$1,333,687,201	2.12%	1.92%
	Florida	16,185	\$5,673,747,337	6.26%	8.16%
	Georgia	10,097	\$2,812,323,548	3.90%	4.05%
	Kentucky	4,715	\$1,128,996,334	1.82%	1.62%
	Mississippi	3,610	\$945,059,206	1.40%	1.36%
	North Carolina	9,492	\$2,387,481,226	3.67%	3.43%
	South Carolina	5,326	\$1,226,628,941	2.06%	1.76%
	Tennessee	6,937	\$1,847,157,171	2.68%	2.66%
	Region Totals		61,851	\$17,355,080,964	23.91%
Southwest	Arkansas	2,787	\$656,320,313	1.08%	0.94%
	Louisiana	4,820	\$1,302,778,513	1.86%	1.87%
	New Mexico	1,542	\$666,325,155	0.60%	0.96%
	Oklahoma	3,454	\$845,465,289	1.34%	1.22%
	Texas	19,024	\$5,326,616,958	7.36%	7.66%
	Region Totals		31,627	\$8,797,506,227	12.23%

Redemptions by Region and State (continued)

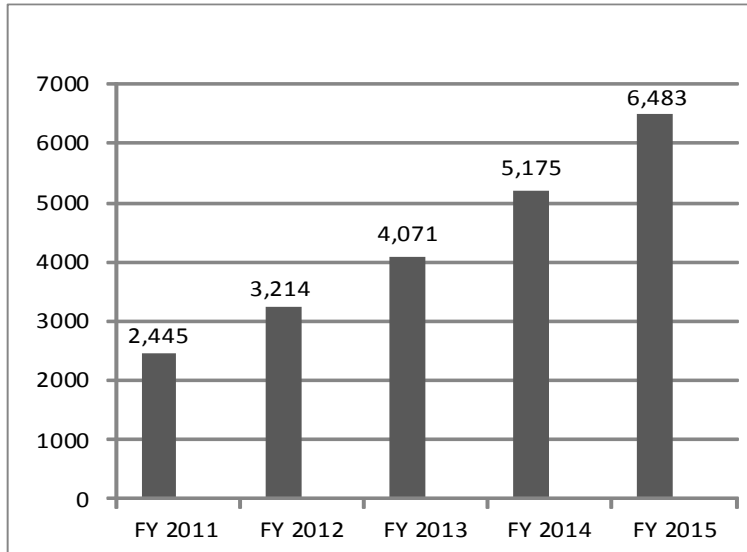
Region	State	Authorized Firms	Redemption Amount	Percent of Total Firms	Percent of Total Redemptions
Mid-West	Illinois	9,288	\$3,245,309,764	3.59%	4.67%
	Indiana	5,174	\$1,274,864,272	2.00%	1.83%
	Michigan	10,027	\$2,361,875,545	3.88%	3.40%
	Minnesota	3,339	\$591,263,761	1.29%	0.85%
	Ohio	9,569	\$2,508,909,848	3.70%	3.61%
	Wisconsin	4,109	\$1,043,321,323	1.59%	1.50%
	Region Totals		41,506	\$11,025,544,513	16.05%
Mountain Plains	Colorado	2,724	\$775,964,611	1.05%	1.12%
	Iowa	2,752	\$519,776,564	1.06%	0.75%
	Kansas	2,013	\$379,894,515	0.78%	0.55%
	Missouri	4,859	\$1,261,462,616	1.88%	1.81%
	Montana	776	\$170,688,760	0.30%	0.25%
	Nebraska	1,228	\$249,087,865	0.47%	0.36%
	North Dakota	485	\$85,223,989	0.19%	0.12%
	South Dakota	746	\$142,468,538	0.29%	0.20%
	Utah	1,408	\$309,107,307	0.54%	0.44%
	Wyoming	335	\$48,144,691	0.13%	0.07%
Region Totals		17,326	\$3,941,819,458	6.70%	5.67%
Western	Alaska	546	\$168,823,361	0.21%	0.24%
	Arizona	4,160	\$1,453,809,134	1.61%	2.09%
	California	26,931	\$7,548,081,538	10.41%	10.86%
	Guam	268	\$108,772,848	0.10%	0.16%
	Hawaii	1,032	\$499,282,670	0.40%	0.72%
	Idaho	1,079	\$279,533,911	0.42%	0.40%
	Nevada	1,829	\$624,711,509	0.71%	0.90%
	Oregon	3,520	\$1,098,275,261	1.36%	1.58%
	Washington	5,019	\$1,519,012,929	1.94%	2.19%
Region Totals		44,384	\$13,300,303,161	17.16%	19.14%
National Totals	Totals	258,632	\$69,507,144,949	100.00%	100.00%

Administrative Activity

<u>Administrative Actions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Authorizations:	
Initial Authorization	28,428
Reinstatement	1,493
Total Authorizations	29,921
Reauthorizations:	44,359
Time-Limited Term SNAP Applicant Participation Denials:	
FNS Review Determined Applicant was Not a Retail Food Store	409
Failed to Cooperate with Information Request	8
Failed to Pay Assessed Monetary Penalty	9
Did Not Meet SNAP Eligibility Criteria	1,623
Denied for Business Integrity Issue	36
WIC Disqualification	0
Other	43
Total Term Denials	2,128
Applicants Permanently Denied for Lack of Business Integrity	63
Participating Firms Withdrawn from SNAP:	
Permanently Withdrawn for Lack of Business Integrity	34
Time Limited Withdrawal for Lack of Business Integrity	9
Failed to Cooperate with Information Request	30
Failed to Pay Assessed Monetary Penalty	10
Did Not Meet SNAP Eligibility Criteria	226
FNS Review Determined Location was No Longer a Retail Food Store	29
No SNAP Transaction Activity	14,955
Non-response to Reauthorization	2,766
Withdrawal for Other Reasons	37
Voluntarily Withdrew	11,921
Total Withdrawals	30,017
Total Actions	106,488

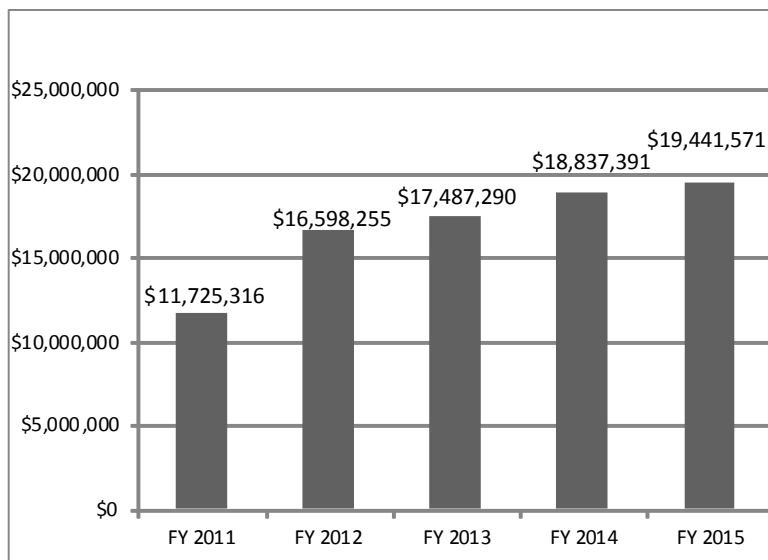
Farmers' Markets and Direct Marketing Farmers

Number of SNAP Authorized Farmers' Markets and Direct Marketing Farmers



- Since 2011, the number of authorized farmers markets and direct marketing farmers has increased by 165 percent.
- Over 50 percent of all authorized markets/farmers are found in eleven states: California (541), New York (395), Alabama (380), Michigan (372), North Carolina (288), Georgia (246), Kentucky (232), Massachusetts (231), Iowa (213), Pennsylvania (194), and Mississippi (188).

Value of Farmers' Market and Direct Marketing Farmer SNAP Redemptions



- Since 2011, farmers markets and direct marketing farmer redemptions have increased by 66 percent.
- In fiscal year 2015, program recipients made 1,021,333 purchases at farmers' markets and direct marketing farmers nationwide. The average purchase amount was \$18.94.

*Fiscal Year 2015 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 2015 during August than any other month of the year.
- Of the 3,232, counties in the U.S., 1,709 (53 percent) have at least one SNAP authorized farmers' market or farmer; this is an increase of 8 percent over 2014.
- 365,321 SNAP households made at least one purchase at a farmers' market in fiscal year 2015. Households shopping at farmers' markets spent \$52.68 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	24,640
Los Angeles, CA	11,882
St. Louis City, MO	11,824
Wayne, MI	11,577
Honolulu, HI	7,436

- 53 percent of the 365,321 households that shopped at a farmers' market or direct marketing farmer made one purchase; another 18.6 percent made two purchases; and 28 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 .08 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	1,906
Time-Limited Term Disqualification	702
Trafficking Civil Money Penalty (CMP)	4
Hardship CMP	81
Other Compliance Actions	Total
Transfer of Ownership CMP	260
Official Warning	648
Involuntary Withdrawal (for other than non-redemption)	75
Permanent Involuntary Withdrawal	31
Unauthorized Acceptance Fine	4
Total	3,711

Completed FNS Undercover Retailer Investigations

	Total	Percent of Total
Total Completed	3,825	100%
Positive Results	1,682	43.97%
Trafficking	362	21.52%
Non-Trafficking	1,320	78.48%
Negative Results	2,094	54.75%
None/No Result	49	1.28%

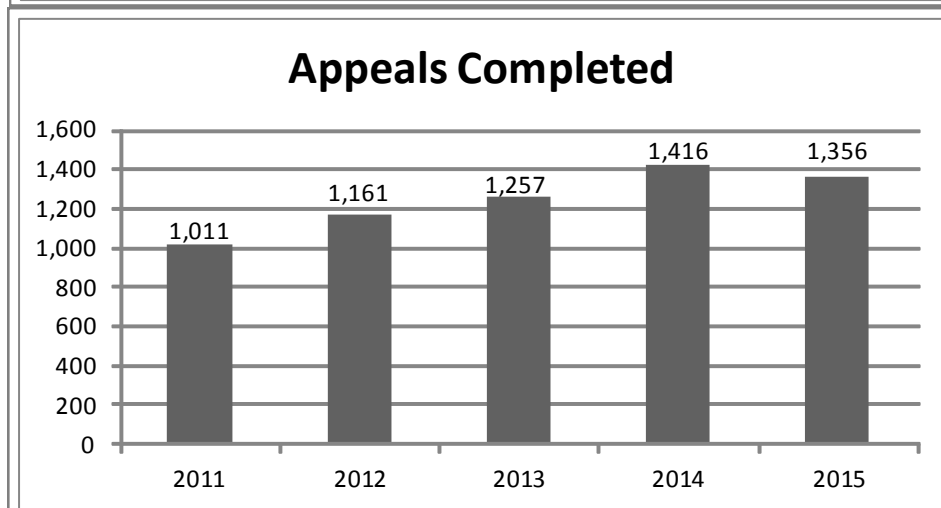
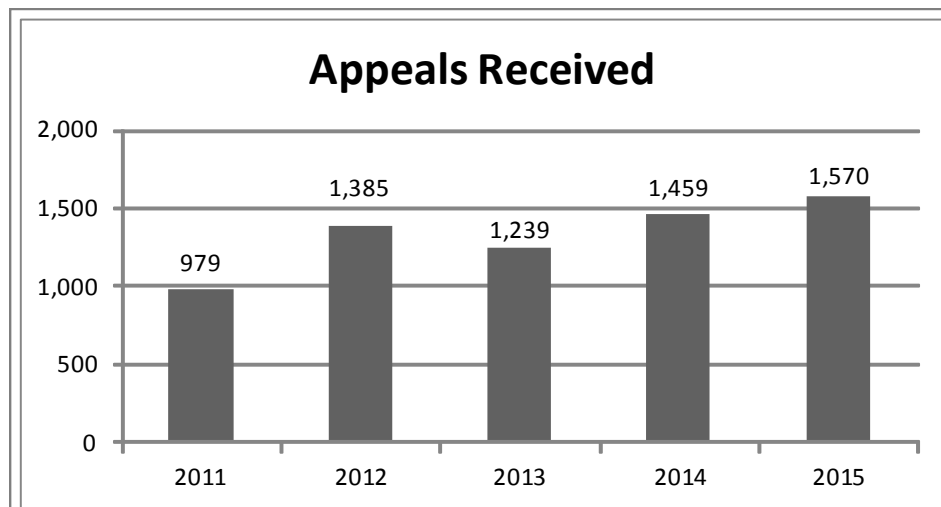
Administrative Review

FNS performs the final administrative review of retailer appeals within USDA. There was an increase in the number of administrative review requests from 1,459 in fiscal year 2014 to 1,570 in fiscal year 2015. Over 89 percent of cases were upheld in fiscal year 2015.

2015 Administrative Review Case Decisions

Case Decision	Total	Percent
Sustained	1,213	89.5%
Reversed	10	0.7%
Moot*	114	8.4%
Modified	19	1.4%
Total	1,356	100%

* Of the 114 cases closed as "moot", 6 were withdrawn by appellants, 68 were withdrawn by FNS, 37 were closed as a result of appellants' failure to provide a sufficient basis for review, and 3 were withdrawn for unspecified reasons.



Sanctions In Fiscal Year 2015 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	1	0	0	1
AL	9	28	1	0	38
AR	0	3	0	0	3
AZ	5	13	2	0	20
CA	116	95	14	1	226
CO	8	8	2	0	18
CT	24	60	1	0	85
DC	6	10	0	0	16
DE	0	11	0	0	11
FL	38	171	3	0	212
GA	36	76	4	0	116
GU	1	1	0	0	2
HI	0	7	0	0	7
IA	2	3	1	0	6
ID	1	1	2	0	4
IL	13	174	0	0	187
IN	4	18	0	1	23
KS	1	0	1	0	2
KY	4	20	0	1	25
LA	10	10	1	0	21
MA	28	54	6	0	88
MD	11	82	5	0	98
ME	0	1	1	0	2
MI	13	47	0	0	60
MN	7	19	3	1	30
MO	7	15	1	0	23
MS	2	9	0	0	11
MT	0	0	0	0	0
NC	19	29	5	0	53
ND	0	0	0	0	0
NE	0	1	0	0	1
NH	2	0	0	0	2
NJ	32	90	1	0	123
NM	0	4	0	0	4
NV	3	5	1	0	9
NY	105	465	2	0	572
OH	16	24	2	0	42

Sanctions In Fiscal Year 2015 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	2	11	2	0	15
OR	1	4	1	0	6
PA	41	149	4	0	194
RI	4	23	0	0	27
SC	2	14	1	0	17
SD	0	1	0	0	1
TN	10	35	2	0	47
TX	90	53	7	0	150
UT	0	0	0	0	0
VA	4	15	2	0	21
VI	0	0	0	0	0
VT	2	1	2	0	5
WA	14	17	0	0	31
WI	9	26	1	0	36
WV	0	2	0	0	2
WY	0	0	0	0	0
Total	702	1,906	81	4	2,693

Sanctions In Fiscal Year 2015 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	2	1	0	0	3
Combination Grocery/Other	25	42	5	0	72
Convenience Store	422	1,157	42	3	1,624
Delivery Route	1	3	0	0	4
Fruits/Vegetables Specialty	0	3	0	0	3
Large Grocery Store	8	5	5	0	18
Meat/Poultry Specialty	1	9	2	0	12
Medium Grocery Store	79	164	14	1	258
Seafood Specialty	1	2	0	0	3
Small Grocery Store	156	519	12	0	687
Super Store	2	0	0	0	2
Supermarket	5	1	1	0	7
Total	702	1,906	81	4	2,693

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