

15 **USDA Food Distribution Programs (Commodities) - Overview**

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The USDA provides funding to states and tribes to manage Food Distribution Programs. Through these programs' agencies provide USDA commodity foods to the public.

Policy and procedures regarding USDA Food Distribution Programs are outlined as follows:

- [Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations \(FDPIR\)](#)
- [The Emergency Food Assistance Program \(TEFAP\)](#)
- [Commodity Supplemental Food Program \(CSFP\)](#)

A Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

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The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) is a USDA program that provides commodity foods to income eligible participants living on Indian reservations, and to income-eligible Native American households residing in designated areas near reservations. FDPIR is administered locally by Tribal agencies.

Budgetary units are potentially eligible to receive FDPIR benefits when they meet one of the following:

- Reside on an Indian reservation that administers an FDPIR
- Reside near an Indian reservation that administers an FDPIR and includes at least one adult participant who is a recognized member of that reservation's Tribe

Budgetary units may not receive both NA and FDPIR benefits in the same month. Before approving NA, FAA must verify whether a budgetary unit that is potentially eligible for FDPIR benefits is receiving FDPIR benefits. (See [Receipt of Benefits in More Than One Case](#) for additional policy)

Budgetary units approved for NA but receiving zero benefits are eligible to apply for and receive FDPIR benefits for that month.

The Food Distribution/Nutrition Assistance Program Participation (FAA-0559A) form is used by FAA to request the following information:

- The budgetary unit's FDPIR participation status.
- The status of an FDPIR Intentional Program Violation (IPV).

FAA staff sends the FAA-0559A to the AZ tribe that administers the FDPIR. The FDPIR completes section A of the FAA-0559A and returns the form to the requestor. (See [Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations](#) for contact information)

The FAA-0559A is used by the FDPIR staff to request the following information:

- The budgetary unit's NA participation status.
- The status of an NA IPV.

FDPIR staff sends the FAA-0559A via email to the FDPIR Verification Mailbox at fdpirverification@azdes.gov.

The DBME Tribal Liaison completes section B of the FAA-0559A and returns the completed form to the requestor via secured email within five [workdays\(g\)](#) from the date of the request.

When a participant contacts FAA to request NA participation information for an FDPIR program, FAA staff:

- Completes Section B of the FAA-0559A.
- Uploads a copy of the completed form to OnBase.
- Provides the completed form to the participant.

NOTE When requested by phone, fax the FAA-0559A to the [FDPIR](#) contact or when an email address is available, send the form via secured email.

B The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

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The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a USDA food distribution program that is administered by DES Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) Coordinated Hunger Relief Program. TEFAP provides low-income participants with nutritious USDA food commodities at no cost.

Any budgetary unit receiving NA is categorically eligible to receive TEFAP commodities.

TEFAP commodities do not count as income to the NA budgetary unit.

C Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

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The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) is a USDA food distribution program that is administered by DES Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) Coordinated Hunger Relief Program. The CSFP provides low-income, elderly participants with nutritious USDA food commodities at no cost.

CSFP commodities do not count as income to the NA budgetary unit.