

CLiCS Bonus Preference Survey 14 Details

Dates: 8/1/2005 to 8/22/2005

A294 Strawberries Sliced 6/6.5lbs Plastic Tubs

Bonus value: \$30.73

A343 Whole Fresh Apples

Bonus value: \$10.93

A345 Apple Slices 6/#10

Bonus value: \$14.87

A346 Apple, Slices Frz 30 lbs

Bonus value: \$11.28

A350 Applesauce 6/#10

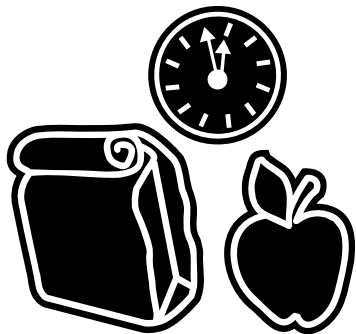
Bonus value: \$11.50

A375 Strawberries Frz 30 lbs

Bonus value: \$21.23

A380 Strawberries, Slices Frz 30 lbs

Bonus value: \$17.30



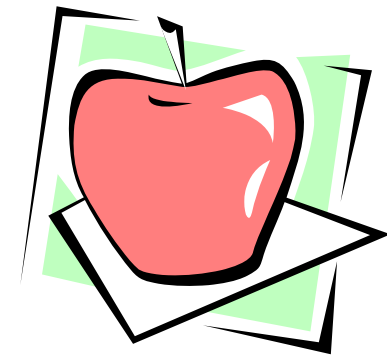
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Minnesota Food Distribution Program

**Fall 2005
USDA Fruit Bonus**



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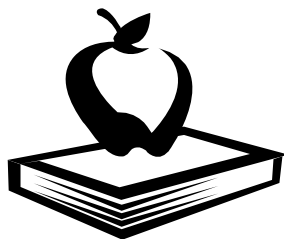
USDA Regular Packaged Commodities

In reference to the **2005 American Dietary Guidelines**, Minnesota Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is actively pursuing additional opportunities from USDA to offer a variety of fruits and vegetables through the commodity program.

FNS is excited to announce a fall 2005 USDA Bonus Fruit offering. CLiCS Preference Survey 14 will feature a limited supply of canned and frozen commodity strawberries and apples. More importantly, the highlight is the offering of four truckloads of bonus **whole fresh apples**, which will be available this fall.

This type of “whole fresh fruit” commodity will be new to the warehouse, distributors, and schools. The current average inventory turn-over of canned, dry, and frozen commodities at the warehouse is less than 45 days.

Whole fresh apples will require expedited distribution and consumption to maintain freshness and acceptability.



Whole Fresh Apples

The USDA fresh apples are medium 100 – 150 count, grade US Fancy shipped in 37 – 40 pound containers with a commodity value of \$10.93 per case. The varieties will include Braeburn and Gala apples.



Braeburn apples are a cross between Granny Smith and Lady Hamilton. They have a very appealing crisp flavor with a blend sweetness and tartness just right for snacks and salads. **Gala apples** are a cross between Red Delicious and Golden Delicious apples. They are very crisp with a sweet ‘perfumy’ flavor and excellent served fresh or with salads. Minnesota will be receiving four truckloads, two of each variety, in September and October 2005.

To receive the whole fresh apples, schools must participate in the August 2005 CLiCS Preference Survey, and incur the \$0.69 warehouse fee, plus the shipping and handling charges through your designated commodity distributor.





Food Distribution Projects

The Minnesota Food Distribution Program offers projects that contribute fresh fruits and vegetables to schools participating in the National School Lunch Program and the Food Distribution Program.

Projects for school year 2006 are:

-  USDA Whole Fresh Apples
-  Department of Defense Fresh Produce Program (DOD FPP)

Our long-term project goal is to contribute fresh fruits and vegetables to the lunch menu each school year. While short-term goals for school year 2006 are to:

-  Increase availability of fresh whole fruits through the USDA Regular Packaged Distribution Channel
-  Evaluate the feasibility of distributing fresh whole fruits through the USDA Regular Distribution Channel
-  Begin process for introducing USDA Regular Packaged Commodities new to Minnesota schools
-  Explore options to more equitably offer DOD FPP to schools participating in the National School Lunch Program and the Food Distribution Program

This past school year eight Minnesota schools demonstrated successful participation in DOD FPP. Through this participation, our state utilized \$200,000 of commodity entitlement in the form of fresh fruits and vegetables. During school year 2006, Minnesota will again allocate \$200,000 to the DOD FPP and thirteen schools plan to participate.