

**FOOD PURCHASE
REPORT****United States
Department of
Agriculture****Agricultural
Marketing
Service**

DATE: January 30, 2004

OFFER TO BUY: Fruit and Vegetable Products

The Department of Agriculture announced it is planning to purchase 35 fruit and vegetable products for donation to Needy Family and related domestic feeding programs, according to Robert C. Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service.

The anticipated purchases will be made from offers that must be submitted on a delivered-to-destination price basis. Deliveries will be required from April 1, 2004 through June 30, 2004.

Products, container sizes, and approximate quantities sought are as follows:

PRODUCT	CONTAINER SIZE	U.S. GRADE	NO CASES
Apple Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	164,696
Grape Juice, Ctn	12/46 fl. oz.	A	14,000
Grape Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	47,600
Tomato Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	48,552
Orange Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	15,232
Pineapple Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	18,240
Cranberry Apple Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	Per C.I.D.	45,696
Grapefruit Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	13,328
Apple Sauce, Cnd	24/300	A	87,480
Dry, Blackeye Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	5,040
Dry, Lima Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	5,040
Dry, Grt. Northern Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	47,040
Dry, Pinto Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	126,000
Dry, Lt Kidney Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	43,680
Green Beans, Cnd	24/300	B	220,320
Whole Kernel Corn, Cnd	24/300	B	217,260
Corn Cream, Cnd	24/300	B	32,400
Peas, Cnd	24/300	B	90,720
Pumpkin, Cnd	24/300	A	1,620
Mixed Vegetables, Cnd	24/300	Per C.I.D.	1,620
Vegetable Soup, Cnd	24/1	Per C.I.D.	70,400

PRODUCT	CONTAINER SIZE	U.S. GRADE	NO CASES
Tomato Soup Cnd	24/1	Per C.I.D.	28,600
Tomatoes, Cnd	24/300	B	29,160
Tomato Sauce, Cnd	24/300	A	29,070
Potatoes, Sliced, Cnd	24/300	A	48,960
Spaghetti Sauce, Cnd	24/300	Per C.I.D.	126,360
Vegetarian Beans, Cnd	24/300	A	52,020
Blackeye Beans, Cnd	24/300	A	30,600
Refried Beans, Cnd	24/300	No. 2	26,010
Dehydrated Potatoes	12/1 lb.	Per USDA	37,500
Syrup, Corn	12/24 oz.	Per USDA	24,684
Raisins	24/15 oz	B	6,912
Carrots, Cnd.	24/300	A	32,400
Plums, Cnd	24/300	B	9,720
Plums, Dried	24/1 lb.	B	7,500
TOTAL:			1,805,460

PLEASE NOTE: This announcement does not commit USDA to purchase specific quantities or particular products. The quantities described in this FOOD PURCHASE REPORT are estimates and are intended to provide only general notice of USDA purchasing plans. Those plans are subject to change. Actual purchases will depend upon prices and quantities offered as well as possible adjustments in user requirements.

Invitations to bid, including final details and specifications, will be sent to processors. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Invitation to Bid. **All bids must be submitted using the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES). Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive.**

Further information can be obtained from the Commodity Procurement Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. Room 2546 - South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-4517 or our Internet Site: www.ams.usda.gov/cp.