

# FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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OFFER TO BUY: Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Canned Fruit and Shelled Nuts

The Department of Agriculture announced it is planning to purchase fresh fruit and vegetables, canned fruit and shelled nuts for distribution to the Child Nutrition Program for Fiscal Years 2004/2005, 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 during the period of October 1, 2004, through May 31, 2005.

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

PRODUCT	CONTAINER SIZE	U.S. GRADE	NO. CASES
Fresh Apples	37/40-lb.	U.S. Fancy	87,780
Fresh Apple Pilot	37/40-lb.	U.S. Fancy	7,392
Fresh Potatoes, Russet	50-lb.	No. 1	16,000
Fresh Potatoes, Round White	50-lb.	No.1	4,800
Almonds, Natural	12/2-lb.	No. 1	3,080
Almonds, Roasted	12/2-lb.	No.1	10,780
Frozen Apple Slices	30-lb.	A	43,560
Canned Apple Slices	6/#10	A	194,256
Canned Apple Sauce	6/#10	A	584,592

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](http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp).