

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

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OFFER TO BUY: Fruit and Vegetable Products

The Department of Agriculture announced it is planning to purchase 45 fruit and vegetable products for distribution to Needy Family and related domestic food assistance programs for Fiscal Year 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 from January 1, 2005, through March 31, 2005.

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	191,352
Grape Juice, Ctn	12/46 fl. oz.	A	20,000
Grape Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	72,352
Grapefruit Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	22,848
Pineapple Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	37,440
Orange Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	158,032
Tomato Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	A	43,792
Cranberry Apple Juice, Cnd	12/46 fl. oz.	Per C.I.D.	98,056
Apple Sauce, Cnd	24/300	A	105,300
Plums, Cnd	24/300	B	9,720
Dry, Blackeye Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	25,200
Dry, Lima Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	18,480
Dry, Grt. Northern Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	47,040
Dry, Pinto Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	157,920
Dry,Lt. Red Kidney Beans	12/2 lb.	No.1	35,280
Green Beans, Cnd	24/300	B	231,660
Carrots, Cnd	24/300	A	40,500
Cream Style Corn, Cnd	24/300	B	25,920
Whole Kernel Corn, Cnd	24/300	B	221,850
Pumpkin, Cnd	24/300	A	6,480

PRODUCT	CONTAINER	U.S. GRADE	NO CASES
	SIZE		
Mixed Vegetables, Cnd	24/300	Per C.I. D.	8,100
Vegetable Soup, Cnd	24/1	Per C.I.D.	80,300
Tomato Soup, Cnd	24/1	Per C.I.D.	30,800
Spinach, Cnd	24/300	A	16,150
Tomatoes, Cnd	24/300	B	48,600
Tomatoes, Diced, Cnd	24/300	B	8,100
Sliced Potatoes, Cnd	24/300	A	107,100
Tomato Sauce, Cnd	24/300	A	71,910
Spaghetti Sauce, Cnd	24/300	Per C.I.D,	137,700
Refried Beans, Cnd	24/300	No. 2	27,540
Vegetarian Beans, Cnd	24/300	A	73,440
Blackeye Beans, Cnd	24/300	A	10,710
Lt. Red Kidney Beans, Cnd	24/300	A	7,650
Dehydrated Potatoes	12/1 lb.	Per USDA	97,500
Syrup, Corn	12/24 oz.	Per USDA	21,780
Raisins	24/15 oz	B	8,640
Plums, Dried	24/1	B	3,000

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

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.