

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

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OFFER TO BUY: Canned and Frozen Fruit and Vegetables

The Department of Agriculture announced it is planning to purchase canned and frozen fruit and vegetables for donation to the Child Nutrition Program 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 July 31, through November 15, 2004.

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

| PRODUCT | CONTAINER SIZE | U.S. GRADE | NO. CASES |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Apricots, Canned | 6/#10 | Grade B | 103,056 |
| Apricots, Frozen | 20-lb. | Grade A | 11,400 |
| Peaches, Canned, Diced | 6/#10 | Grade B | 328,320 |
| Peaches, Canned, Sliced | 6/#10 | Grade B | 514,064 |
| Peaches, Frozen, Cups | 96/4.4 oz. | Grade B | 377,769 |
| Peaches, Frozen | 20-lb. | Grade A | 41,800 |
| Pineapple, Canned, Chunks | 6/#10 | Grade B | 99,408 |
| Pineapple, Canned Crushed | 6/#10 | Grade B | 15,943 |
| Pineapple, Canned Tidbits | 6/#10 | Grade B | 485,185 |
| Green Beans, Canned | 6/#10 | Grade B | 557,004 |
| Green Beans, Frozen | 30-lb. | Grade B | 101,640 |
| Carrots, Canned | 6/#10 | Grade A | 86,336 |
| Carrots, Frozen | 30-lb. | Grade A | 94,471 |
| Peas, Canned | 6/#10 | Grade B | 63,536 |
| Peas, Frozen | 30-lb. | Grade B | 119,059 |

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.