

## **Use of Donated Foods for Training Students in Home Economics**

### **Purpose:**

This instruction sets forth the policy on the use of USDA donated foods for training students in home economics.

### **Scope:**

Sponsors participating in the Food Distribution Program (FDP).

### **Definitions:**

Home economics, for the purpose of this instruction, include classes in general home economics, food purchases, nutrition, food preparation, cooking, child care, health and the like.

### **Description:**

P.L. 86-756 provides that schools receiving donated foods are authorized to use such foods in training students in home economics, including college students if the same facilities and instructors are used for training both high school and college students in courses.

Schools may, for the purpose of training students in home economics, use foods that are received for their nonprofit food service programs. High schools may also permit the use of such foods for training college home economics students, provided that the same facilities and instructors are used in training both high school and college students in home economics. For the purpose of training students in home economics, schools may use donated foods. These foods may also be used in teaching nutrition and health related activities in schools and child care institutions. Food service management training of school food service personnel and NET Program projects conducted for training students may also use donated foods. Donated foods used for training students in home economics shall not be replaced by the State Agency. End products containing donated foods used for training students in home economics shall not be sold unless proceeds inure only to the benefit of the school's nonprofit food service program.

The recordkeeping requirements of the Food Distribution Program regulations do not extend to records of the use made by schools of donated foods. However, good management practices would dictate that school food service managers maintain records of the kinds and quantities of foods that are used for training students in home economics.

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