Cash-in-Lieu/Commodity Estimates for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

To: STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS - Colorado DPHE, Iowa ED, Kansas ED, (Child Nutrition Programs) Missouri DH, Montana DPHSS, Nebraska ED, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming

Policy memorandum CACFP-450 allows State Agencies (SAs) to forego the annual inquiry as to the preference of each CACFP institution for commodities or cash-in-lieu of commodities. Instead SAs may permit institutions to report their commodity preferences only when the preference has changed. However, certain annual information on commodities or cash-in-lieu of commodities must still be provided [226.6(h)].

- If you are planning to request cash-in-lieu for all commodities in School Year (SY) 2001, please submit your request as well as the justification for this request to our office by May 1.

- If your State is going to take commodities for CACFP in SY 2001 we remind you that the SA must submit a list of institutions which have elected to receive commodities, along with information on average daily number of lunches and suppers served to participants by each institution, to the State commodity distribution agency by June 1. In past years we have requested your commodity projections if you chose commodities. However, our Regional Food Distribution Program no longer requires these commodity projections. Therefore, we are no longer requiring that data be submitted to our office.

Contact our office at (303) 844-0359 if you have any further questions on the above requirements.

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