

**USDA'S FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAMS
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AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

Overview of Program

Farm Bill

Food and Nutrition Service Issues (Food Safety, Nutrition Issues, Importance of Program)

Contracting Changes

- Food Defense**
- Master Solicitation**
- New Labels**
- Crop Year**
- Split Loads**
- Fuel Surcharges**
- Renewals of Certifications**
- Authorized Signatures**
- Submitting Timely Bids**

Complaints

New Procurement Data Base

New Initiatives

Inspection Issues – Good Agricultural Practices

Questions/Answers

Closing Remarks