



# USDA Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee Meeting

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# Overview of Local Food Purchase Assistance Program (LFPA)

- The Local Food Purchase Assistance program maintains and improves food and agricultural supply chain resiliency through non-competitive cooperative agreements to State and Federally Recognized Tribal Governments
- States and Tribal Governments will enter into non-competitive cooperative agreements with USDA for the purchase of local domestic food targeting socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers to be distributed targeting underserved communities
- Authorized and funded for up to \$400 million under the American Rescue Plan Act



# Three Overarching Goals

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**Provide an opportunity for States and Tribal Governments to strengthen their local and regional food system.**

• 2



**Help to support local and underserved farmers/producers through building and expanding economic opportunities.**

• 3



**Establish, strengthen, and broaden partnerships with producers and the food distribution community, local food networks, and non-profits- distributing fresh and nutritious foods in rural, remote, or underserved communities.**



# How it works

## Procurement

- **State and Tribal Governments will procure domestic, local foods from local farmers, ranchers, and fishermen**
- **Targeted purchases from underserved farmers, ranchers, and fishermen to expand existing local food networks**

## Distribution

- **State and Tribal Governments will distribute the food within their State or region targeting underserved communities**



# Who is eligible for this program?

- State agencies, commissions, or departments that are responsible for agriculture, procurement, food distribution, emergency response or similar activities within the State
- Federally recognized Tribal Governments
- One award per State or territory; agencies within the State must coordinate if more than one agency wishes to implement this program

# Applications Received for LFPA

- **84 total applications**
  - States plus District of Columbia: 50
  - Territories: 3
  - Tribal governments: 31

# Additional Funding Announced Under “LFPA Plus”

- **States, territories, and tribal governments may request additional funding under LFPA Plus**
  - Details of additional funding announced on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 ([link](#))
  - \$464 million is available from funds authorized by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC)
    - Up to \$364 million available for states and territories
    - Up to \$100 million available for tribal governments
  - Allows recipients to amend their current LFPA agreements with additional funding and extend the period of performance by one year
  - Allows new states, tribal Governments and territories who had not previously applied to participate in LFPA





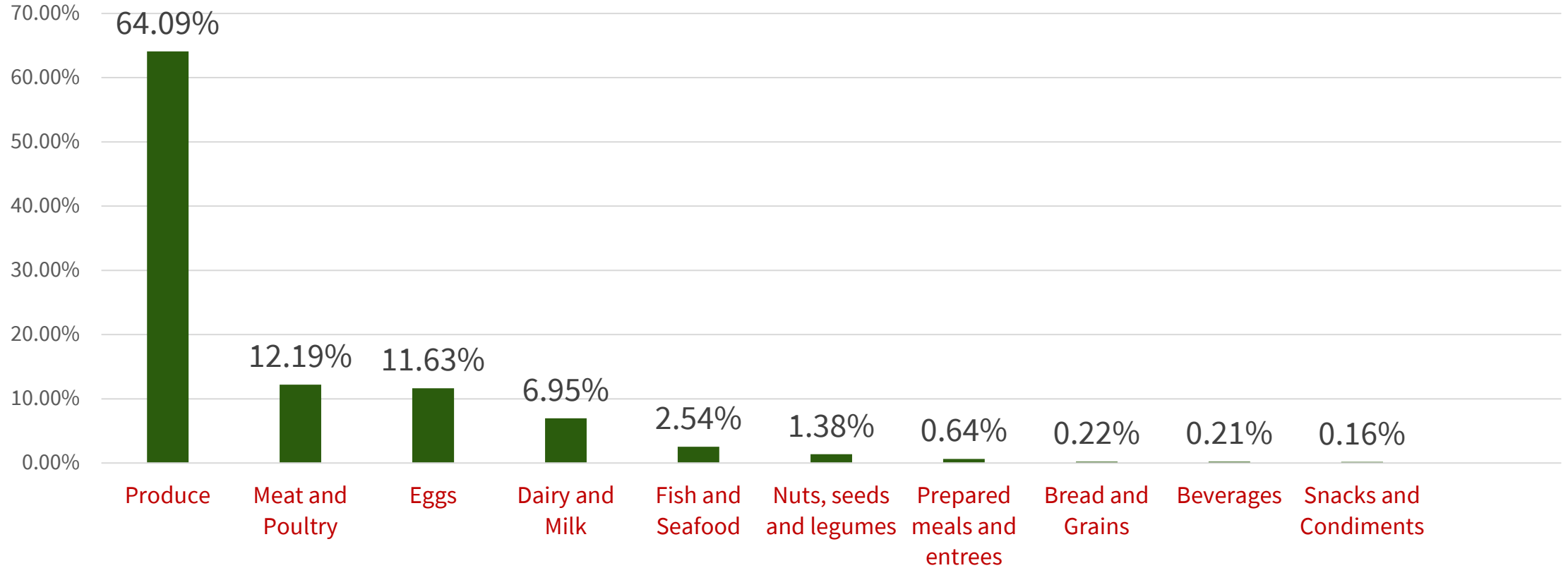
# LFPA Plus – Allowable Costs

- **Funding for LFPA Plus is authorized by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC)**
- **Allowable costs:**
  - Food purchases – **unprocessed or minimally processed foods**
  - Storage and distribution directly related to the purchase of LFPA food
- **Unallowable costs:**
  - Administrative expenses (salaries, program development, outreach, technical assistance)
  - Indirect costs
  - Equipment purchases; capital investment (repair or upgrade)
  - Construction costs; production costs (seed, fertilizer, etc)





# Types of Products Purchased



# Questions?

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