Unprocessed Fruit & Vegetable Pilot Program

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- Part of the 2014 Farm Bill
- Created as a way for schools to have more options for unprocessed fruits and vegetables
- The Pilot project allows participating states to
  - Use multiple suppliers and products established and qualified by the Secretary
  - Designate a geographic preference
- Uses schools’ existing commercial channels and relationships with growers and suppliers
- Additionally supports use of locally-grown foods in school programs
Participating states

- Michigan
- Washington
- Wisconsin
- Connecticut
- New York
- California
- Oregon
- Virginia

Began in School Year 2014-2015
Vendors

- 93 Eligible Vendors participate in the program
- Suppliers and distributors
- 2/3 of participating vendors are considered small businesses
Approximately $11 million of entitlement spending is designated to the Pilot Program.

Top 5 produce items purchased:

- Apples
- Romaine lettuce
- Oranges
- Pears
- Salad mixes
Becoming a Participating Vendor

- Vendor Eligibility Requirements can be found on [https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food/pilot-project](https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food/pilot-project)

- To become a participating vendor
  - Fill out the Vendor Application Forms (Attachment A-D)
  - Have GHP/GAP certificates for suppliers and products planning to deliver
  - Food safety plan, segregation plan (if handling non-domestic product)

For questions or assistance regarding your pilot application please contact Mr. Sean Martin 503-586-6473
Adding products/suppliers for participating vendors

- Vendors can add new products and suppliers at anytime
- Fill out the Vendor Application Form (only Attachments A & D) and submit to FVPilotProject@ams.usda.gov.
- Attachments A/D are approved/rejected in full, no partial, item-by-item approval
- Remember to updated your GHP/GAP certificates as they expire.
Invoicing

- All invoices must be submitted through WBSCM
- Need to attach:
  - Excel template
  - BOL-proof of delivery
  - School approval documents
- Total of all attached excel templates should match with invoiced quantity
- Step-by-step instructions can be found on our webpage under Current Participating Vendor https://www.ams.usda.gov/selling-food/pilot-project
- Webinar/documents available on webpage to assist, or please contact us with any questions
Quality and Improvement of Pilot Program

- 2018 Farm Bill
- Fresh product micro-end testing requirements
- Invoicing Verification
- SY 17-18 Vendor Audits
- Survey
- Roundtable discussion 11:45-12:30
  - Tips on faster invoicing
- Newsletter
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