

## USDA News

### USDA ANNOUNCES ITS LOCAL FOOD PURCHASE ASSISTANCE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH OREGON

*The following is an excerpt from the USDA website:* The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announced, on October 18, 2022, it has signed a cooperative agreement with Oregon under the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program (LFPA). Through LFPA, the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) will purchase and distribute locally grown, produced, and processed food from underserved producers.

"USDA is excited to partner with Oregon to promote economic opportunities for farmers and producers and to increase access to locally sourced, fresh, healthy, and nutritious food in underserved communities," said USDA Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Jenny Lester Moffitt. "The Local Food Purchase Cooperative Agreement Program will improve food and agricultural supply-chain resiliency and increase local food consumption around the country."

Through the LFPA program, ODHS will work with Oregon Food Bank (OFB) to improve supply chain resiliency by providing funds to growers, ranchers, seafood harvesters, food distribution organizations, and processors who will then distribute products to their local and regional communities.

USDA's Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program provides up to \$900 million through non-competitive cooperative agreements to enable state, territory and tribal governments to support local, regional and underserved producers, and maintain or improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency through the purchase of food produced within the state or within 400 miles of delivery destination. Funding for the program comes from the American Rescue Plan and the Commodity Credit Corporation.

More information about the program is available on AMS's [Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement](#) Program webpage.

The full press release can be found on the USDA website: <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases>. 🍷

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## IMPORTANT DATES

The important dates concerning the 2023 Federal order price announcements, reporting and payments are now available.

The 2023 AMS release dates are as follows:

### Advanced Prices & Pricing Factors

- Wed., December 21, 2022
- Thurs., January 19, 2023
- Thurs., February 23
- Wed., March 22
- Wed., April 19
- Wed., May 17
- Thurs., June 22
- Wed., July 19
- Wed., August 23
- Wed., September 20
- Wed., October 18
- Wed., November 22

### Final Class & Component Prices

- Wed., February 1, 2023
- Wed., March 1
- Wed., April 5
- Wed., May 3
- Thurs., June 1
- Wed., June 28
- Wed., August 2
- Wed., August 30
- Wed., October 4
- Wed., November 1
- Wed., November 29
- Thurs., January 4, 2024

The 2023 release dates for price announcements, as issued by the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) are available via the market administrator's website at [www.fmmaseattle.com/dates.html](http://www.fmmaseattle.com/dates.html). Tables that identify reporting and payment dates specific to the Pacific Northwest (FO 124) and Arizona (FO 131) Federal Orders are available via the market administrator's website at [www.fmmaseattle.com/reportingandpaymentdates.html](http://www.fmmaseattle.com/reportingandpaymentdates.html). 🍷