

TEFAP Fresh Produce

To help those most in need receive healthy, fresh foods, USDA offers boxes of pre-packed, mixed fresh produce through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), in addition to the single varieties that are already available to order. Learn more about TEFAP [here](#).

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USDA’s TEFAP Fresh Produce initiative will allow TEFAP State Administering Agencies to order mixed fresh produce boxes from USDA for their TEFAP eligible recipient agencies. The boxes will include a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables that meet the following requirements:

- **Box Weight** – 10-12 lbs.
- **Pack Size** – no more than 3 lbs. per specific produce item
- **Boxes must contain**, at a minimum, at least 4 different items, including:
 - At least 3 lbs. of vegetables; no more than 3 lbs. of root vegetables such as potatoes, yams, carrots, onions, etc. Vendors may not justify including additional root vegetables because of cost or availability.
 - At least 3 lbs. of fruit
 - At least 2 locally grown fruit or vegetable items, as available, and if not available, add additional fruit and vegetable items of vendors choice to meet a minimum weight range of 10-12 lbs.
- **Expected Shelf Life** – boxes will be expected to have a shelf life of 7-10 days once delivered, when refrigerated.

Definition of Local

Locally grown is defined as food that is raised, produced, aggregated, stored, processed, and distributed in the locality or region where the final product is marketed to consumers, so that the total distance that the product travels between the farm or ranch where the product originates and the point of sale to the end consumer is at most 400 miles, or both the final market and the origin of the product are within the same state, territory, or tribal land.

Ordering Information

Material Code	Orders will be placed using the material code 111427 – MIXED FRESH PRODUCE.
Delivery Periods	Orders can be placed for a delivery from the 1st through the 15th and/or the 16th through the end of the month
Placing Orders	Only one order of TEFAP Fresh Produce units per delivery destination can be placed per delivery period. For example, XYZ food bank wants to receive 5,000 boxes in June; XYZ Food Bank can place a requisition for 5,000 boxes for June 1-15th or 2,500 boxes June 1-15th and 2,500 boxes June 16-30th. Note that orders will be placed by the “EA” and not “CS” or “LB”. Additional details for placing orders will be communicated via FNS Regional Offices to TEFAP state distributing agencies.
Vendor Communication	Once awarded, the vendor will contact the delivery location to verify the specific delivery schedule and any other order and delivery details.
Minimum Order Quantity	The minimum order quantity is 300 boxes per order, per delivery location; full truckload quantities are not required. TEFAP state and local agencies are urged to only order what they reasonably expect to distribute in a timely manner to ensure the quality of the fresh produce is maintained.