

**Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
Food Package Review Workgroup Agenda: January 21, 2026**

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Agenda

Voting Members

Name	Attendance	Name	Attendance
Mary Greene-Trottier <i>(NAFDPIR President)</i>	X	Vacant <i>(Mountain Plains Nutritionist)</i>	
Rex Hailey <i>(NAFDPIR Parliamentarian)</i>	X	Joe Van Alstine <i>(Midwest Region Vice President)</i>	
Jaime Prouty <i>(NAFDPIR Treasurer)</i>	X	Gloria Goodwin <i>(Mid-West Region Representative)</i>	X
Marisa Fuller <i>(NAFDPIR Secretary)</i>	X	Tonya Laurent <i>(Mid-West Nutritionist)</i>	X
Debbie Reyes – Gardipee <i>(Western Region Vice President)</i>		Anna Sterner <i>(Southwest Region Vice President)</i>	X
AC Sanchez <i>(Western Region Representative)</i>		Lorraine Davis <i>(Southwest Region Representative)</i>	X
Carla Patterson <i>(Western Region Nutritionist)</i>		Connie Black <i>(Southwest Region Nutritionist)</i>	X
Blake Garrison <i>(Mountain Plains Vice President)</i>		Janell Conway <i>(USDA Food and Nutrition Service Nutritionist)</i>	X
Nathaniel Brown <i>(Mountain Plains Representative)</i>	X	Reena Oza-Frank <i>(HHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Nutritionist)</i>	X

NAFDPIR stands for the National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations.

FNS National Office Support Staff	Additional USDA Support Staff
Supplemental Nutrition and Safety Programs (SNAS) Front Office: Claire Brown, Kiley Larson	FNS Regional Offices: Holly Williams, Stephanie Hadley, Joseph Geary, Courtney Coffman
Food Safety and Nutrition Division: Kristin Garcia, Daniel Karlstrum, Katie O'Donnell	FNS Tribal Affairs: Monika Lacka
Operations Division: Laura Castro, Christina Riley, Danielle Lyons	Agricultural Marketing Service: Denise Glover
Policy Division: Farah Ahmad, Dana Rasmussen	



Funding and Technology Division: Katie Clifford	
Program Integrity and Monitoring Division: Shenique Bridges, Kathleen Staley	

I. Welcome and Attendance

- a. USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) confirmed attendees and provided an overview of the agenda.

II. Review Draft Agenda for In-Person Meeting

- a. FNS reminded the Workgroup to RSVP by January 30 so that a list of attendees can be provided to security. A virtual option will be arranged for those unable to attend in person.
- b. FNS reviewed the draft agenda and solicited feedback for any changes or additions.
 - i. FDPIR Food Package Review Workgroup Charter
 - FNS will review the Charter which outlines the Workgroup's purpose and roles/responsibilities. The goal is for the Workgroup to vote on adopting the Charter by the end of the in-person meeting.
 - The Workgroup requested that the Charter be shared with other FDPIR programs ahead of the meeting for review and feedback.
 - FNS agreed to notify the programs of the in-person meeting and share the revised Charter. FDPIR programs will be encouraged to contact their Workgroup representative with questions or comments.
 - ii. Overview of 2025-2030 Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGAs)
 - FNS Senior Policy Official will provide an overview of the DGAs.
 - FNS will share plans to calculate an updated HEI score for the latest FDPIR Food Package.
 - iii. Review FDPIR Food Package
 - FNS will review national and regional take rates and items with low take rates to discuss strategies to improve inventory management.
 - Procurement challenges (e.g., pasta and walleye) will be discussed.
 - FNS will review take rates for new items and the process for considering new foods.
 - iv. USDA DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
 - FNS will discuss the produce training and upcoming training opportunities.
 - Fill rates for DoD products will be reviewed.
 - FNS will invite two DLA representatives to attend the meeting.
 - The Workgroup requested DLA representatives plan regional visits for programs, especially for programs with new produce vendors.
 - FNS confirmed follow-up with DLA on a Mountain Plains (Nebraska) visit.
 - The Workgroup requested an agenda item on produce availability and seasonality, including alternatives when seasonal items are unavailable.

- FNS confirmed that this agenda item will be added and noted that produce alternatives can be discussed with DLA representatives during the meeting.
 - The Workgroup asked if programs should remind vendors about seasonal items; FNS confirmed that this is FNS's responsibility and this occurs during bi-weekly DLA meetings.
 - The Workgroup requested a forecast of seasonal items; FNS agreed to include this in the meeting handout and noted the FFAVORS catalog also shows seasonality.
- v. CDC Updates
- Reena Oza-Frank will provide updates on CDC funding for FDPIR participating agencies.
- vi. Workgroup Vote: Charter
- FNS will call for a vote on the Charter after the Workgroup has had time to review and consider throughout the day.
- c. FNS reminded the Workgroup that the agenda is still in draft form; breaks, lunch and timeslots will be added before finalizing and a handout will accompany the agenda.
- d. FNS emphasized that this meeting will focus on the FDPIR Food Package. Other topics, such as warehouse concerns and systems, are beyond the scope of this meeting, but representatives from all FNS divisions will be present for follow-up discussions should time allow.

III. Review meeting logistics for South Building

- a. FNS outlined instructions for arriving at the meeting:
- i. **Location:** 1st floor of the South Building, back room of the cafeteria (Room 1280.1).
 - ii. **Recommend arrival:** Before 9:00 AM to allow time for security screening.
 - iii. **Entrance:** Independence Avenue side, through the 3rd Wing entrance.
 - iv. **Security:** Bring a government-issued photo ID (e.g., driver's license) and go through screening.
 - v. **Escort:** An FNS staff member will be at the security checkpoint to escort attendees to the cafeteria.
 - vi. **Dining:** Several options are available in the South Building sub-basement and at the Whitten Building café across the street. Time will be allotted for a lunch break.
- b. FNS reminded the Workgroup that logistical details, along with an updated agenda and handout, will be provided via email.

IV. Next Workgroup Meeting – February 10, 2026 (in-person)

- a. The next Workgroup meeting will be held in-person on February 10, 2026:
- i. South Building Cafeteria
1400 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20250
1st Floor, Room 1280.1

V. Meeting Adjourned: Summary of Action Items



- a. ACTION ITEM: FNS will share the Charter with FDPIR programs prior to the in-person meeting.
- b. ACTION ITEM: FNS will follow up with DLA on Mountain Plains (Nebraska) visit.
- c. ACTION ITEM: FNS will finalize the agenda and share with handout (including seasonal produce forecast) and logistical details for meeting.