

DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS

November 29, 1974



ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 74-238

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM - SCHEDULE FOR ORDERING AND USING CURRENT FOOD COUPONS

REFERENCE:

Current coupons are to be issued by agents only through February 28, 1975, although recipients may continue to redeem them through June 30, 1975. New coupons are to be issued by agents beginning March 1, 1975. The subject of new coupons will be treated in an All County Letter to be issued shortly.

To help Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, make the transition from current coupons to new coupons, we will need the information listed below on your current coupon inventories and needs. Orders not yet filled but already submitted are to be counted as inventory in stock. This information must be telephoned to the Food Stamp Management Branch by Tuesday, December 3, 1974, with FNS-260 requisitions to follow immediately through regular channels.

The following information is needed on a countywide basis:

1. Excess Inventory:

<u>Coupon Book Denomination</u>	<u>Excess Number of Cartons or Books (Specify)</u>
\$2	
\$3	
\$10	
\$30	

2. Cartons of current coupons needed for period through 2/28/75. (Do not include coupons already ordered.)

In order to prevent unnecessary ordering or over-ordering, FNS will pay for transfers of excess inventories within or between counties wherever necessary. Counties will be responsible for assuring that unexpended supplies within the county

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are redistributed between issuance agents. For example, if one issuance agent has an excess and another agent does not have an adequate supply, arrangements should be made wherever possible to handle the matter within the county. In order to obtain FNS reimbursement for transfers (either by registered mail or other carrier), counties must notify the Food Stamp Management Branch before undertaking the transfer.

Also, in order to reduce excess inventories of any current book denomination, issuance agents may ignore the mandatory mix tables. Thus, if an agent has an oversupply of \$2 books but needs \$10 books, \$2 books may be used in lieu of the larger denomination.

Expected issuance patterns for January 1, 1975 through February 28, 1975, are attached to All-County Letter No. 74-230, dated November 27, 1974.

Calls regarding the above information should be made to Kathy Lewis of the Food Stamp Program Operations Bureau (916/445-6907) or staff of the Food Stamp Management Branch (916/445-6907 or 445-0285).

Sincerely,

for 
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Deputy Director

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