

## DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS

May 30, 1974



ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 74-97

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP PROGRAM - COMPLETION OF FORM FNS-256, "MONTHLY  
REPORT OF PARTICIPATION AND COUPON ISSUANCE"  
REFERENCE:

Some counties have incorrectly reported the number of households and persons participating in the Food Stamp Program because of the misinterpretation of the instructions for completing Items 1 and 2 of Form FNS-256, "Monthly Report of Participation and Coupon Issuance."

The counts to be reported in Item 1, "Total Participation," refer to the total number of households and persons that participated in the Food Stamp Program, including those at the zero purchase level. Item 2, "Participation at Zero Purchase Level," is a breakout, from the total reported in Item 1, of the household and persons participating at the zero purchase level.

Please insure that persons responsible for the completion of the report are aware of the distinction between the data to be reported in the two items. Any questions can be referred to the Information Desk, Program Information Bureau, at (916) 322-2230 or (ATSS) 492-2230.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Director  
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cc: CWDA

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