

## **TX-UNPS FDP Module Terminology:**

TX-UNPS FDP Module - formerly the Texas Commodity System (TCS). These terms refer to the systems used to operate the Food Distribution Program.

Contracting Entity (CE) - this is the primary entity that maintains a contract with TDA to operate the program. In FDP, CEs were formerly know as Recipient Agencies (RAs)

Authorized Representative (AR) - an AR is an individual that the CE has authorized to access TX-UNPS. ARs include CEs and other individuals that must access TX-UNPS to fulfill their role in program operation. These roles may include Food Service Director, Processing Co-ops, Food Banks and Warehouses. CEs can submit the FND101 Certificate of Authority to designate individuals in their organization as ARs.

Entitlement - This is the amount of funds the CE has assigned to their contract for requesting USDA Foods.

Surveys - formerly requests. The Annual Survey replaces the USDA Brown Box request that was found in the Commodity Request Module in TCS. In addition there is a Farm to School Survey, Farm to School Commitment Survey, Processing Survey.

Annual Survey – A list of USDA Foods that may be purchased by USDA. This survey will be used for CE's that are not Direct Ship Schools.

Periodic Survey – A list of USDA Foods that may be purchased by USDA. This survey will be used by Direct Ship Schools.

Farm to School Commitment Survey – A CE will use this survey to indicate how much entitlement they wish to reserve for this program, if applicable.

Farm to School Survey – A list of fresh product available from local growers.

Processing Survey – A list of USDA Foods available for further processing.

PAL Worksheet - this term no longer applies. Information gathered by the PAL worksheet is gathered in several different screens within TX-UNPS, primarily the CE Information Update Screen and Entitlement Screen.

FTS- Farm to School.

Allocations- USDA Foods received against CE requests.

Contracted and Commercial Warehouse- The warehouse that stores and delivers USDA Foods to CE's.

Weighted average cost - The average cost of USDA shipments, by USDA Food item.

Packet History - information formerly available in the Audit Log can be found in the Packet History.

Bulletin - bulletins with important information for all nutrition programs are posted on the TX-UNPS log on page. Bulletins with information specific to FDP will appear after ARs click the FDP module tile. Information formerly available through the Message Board in TCS will be posted under the 'reports' button in TX-UNPS and may also be included in bulletins, as needed.