

## Department of Defense Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

The USDA annually allocates money for Illinois to spend with the Department of Defense Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (DoD). For the 2011-2012 school year, Illinois was allocated \$4 million to spend through the DoD. The DoD allows participation in the program to all schools that request to participate subject to a \$500 allocation floor. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) allocated the money we could spend with DoD amongst all schools that selected "Yes" under *Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Participation* on the *Annual Order Forms* menu option on the Illinois Commodity System (ICS). Schools can view the amount of money allocated to them by selecting *Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Participation* on the *Annual Order Forms* menu option on the ICS. Those schools that have not spent any of the money allocated to them should contact the DoD at 215.737.5573 to begin placing orders. The DoD administers the program and schools use a system called *Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Order Receipt System* (FFAVORS) to place orders. Schools that do not have a login and password to FFAVORS should call the DoD to obtain a login and password.

The FFAVORS web address is:

[https://www.ffavorsweb.troopsupport.dla.mil/ffavors\\_web/default.aspx](https://www.ffavorsweb.troopsupport.dla.mil/ffavors_web/default.aspx).

By the end of the school year, any money not used will be made available to other schools already participating in the program. If you have any questions regarding the program, contact ISBE staff at 217.782.2491 and ask for the Food Distribution Program.