



# ACDA

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- ◆ ACDA – American Commodity Distribution Association is the Communication Link between
  - Agriculture, Industry, Government and the Customer (Recipient Agencies)
- ◆ Collective Voice for
  - Policy Decisions Impacting Food Distribution Programs



# Why Join ACDA?

- ◆ Network with other members.
- ◆ Take advantage of the knowledge of others.
- ◆ Receive the bi-monthly publication of the ACDA Commodity Key.
- ◆ Attend commodity conferences and meetings.
- ◆ Influence commodity policy decisions that affect your program.

# Why Join ACDA?

- ◆ Receive up to date information on what is happening in the Commodity Program.
- ◆ Get the how's and why's of the Commodity Program & Commodity Processing.
- ◆ Identify options available to you and how they can work for your district.



# ACDA Web Site

- ◆ ACDA Web Site –  
[www.commodityfoods.org](http://www.commodityfoods.org)
- ◆ Includes information on:
  - Programs
  - Activities Calendar
  - Membership
  - Officers
  - Committees
  - Processing Issues

# ACDA Membership

- ◆ State Distributing Agencies
- ◆ Industry
- ◆ Allied & Agricultural Groups
- ◆ Associate Groups
- ◆ Recipient Agencies
- ◆ Individual Members

# ACDA Officers and Board Members

## Officers

- ◆ President
- ◆ Vice President
- ◆ Treasurer
- ◆ President Elect
- ◆ Secretary

## Board Members

- ◆ (7) Regional Representatives
- ◆ Non-School
- ◆ Agric. & Allied Rep
- ◆ Recipient
- ◆ Industry Rep
- ◆ Associate Rep



# ACDA Permanent Committees

- ◆ Resolutions & Bylaws Committee
- ◆ Communications
- ◆ Conference Planning
- ◆ Membership Committee
- ◆ Nominating Committee
- ◆ Finance Committee
- ◆ Processing Committee
- ◆ Legislative Committee
- ◆ TEFAP/CSFP Committee



# ACDA Select Committees

- ◆ Food Safety Committee
- ◆ RFP Management Committee
- ◆ Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act Committee
- ◆ Fruit & Vegetable Committee

# ACDA Mission Statement

- ◆ ACDA is committed to improving the USDA Commodity Program on behalf of all stakeholders.

# ACDA Vision Statement

- ◆ ACDA will be the recognized leader and voice for continuation and improvement of USDA Commodity Programs.

# ACDA Goals

1. To identify and address issues that impact the USDA Commodity Programs.
2. To affect legislative, regulatory and policy changes for the improvement of the Commodity Distribution Program.
3. To develop an effective communication link with stakeholders.
4. To encourage acquisition of commodity products in a form that is beneficial to recipient agencies and agriculture.

# ACDA Goals

5. To promote ACDA membership.
6. To provide educational and networking opportunities for members.
7. To initiate and strengthen strategic working relationships.
8. To enhance leadership.

# Strategic Planning for ACDA Target Areas

- ◆ Annual Conference
- ◆ Organizational Structure
- ◆ Professional Development
- ◆ Human Resources
- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Financial Structure
- ◆ Membership

# Annual Conferences

- ◆ Training & Workshops on
  - Commodity Purchases & Availability
  - Commodity Distribution Issues
  - Commodity Processing
  - DOD Produce (Dept. of Defense) Options
  - Food Safety Issues
  - Procurement & Food Specifications
  - Current Policies & Food Distribution Changes