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We're providing this update on the Section 32 "Bonus Buy" program of USDA. This information is from John Keeling of the NPC.

There continues to be a lot of interest in and questions about the Section 32 Bonus Buy program. The USDA Food and Nutrition Service is in the process of notifying their "customers" (schools, prisons, food banks) of the availability of product. There were issues relative to the range of delivery dates and we are working those out with AMS and FNS. When the orders are in and the delivery date issues resolved AMS will issue orders to buy fresh and dehydrated potatoes, and potato products. We believe that the contracts to purchase these products will be very similar to those contracts used in the past. Companies and individuals interested in bidding need to familiarize themselves with both the process to become a USDA approved contractor (see the second web link below) and the overall AMS procurement process (see the first web link below). The procurement process link can take you directly to specific information on fresh and dehy procurement.

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