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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Food Distribution Participants

**FROM:** Tina Herzog, Food Distribution Program Director  
Arizona Department of Education, Food Distribution Program

**DATE:** October 2, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Beef Recall Reimbursements

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I would like to commend all those affected by the beef recall for thoroughly and expeditiously handling the beef hold, recall and destruction beginning back in January 2008. It was not easy and at times was confusing, but I think we all made it through without too many issues. It is now time to begin working through the reimbursement process for all the claims that were submitted in the spring.

The reimbursements from USDA for the beef recall have started to arrive. If you submitted a beef recall claim for the destruction of the Westland Beef from the recall, you should be looking for your reimbursement. The first claim from USDA was received by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) in August and disbursed in September. The second claim was received in September and will be sent out within the next couple of weeks. Reimbursements will come to you via the same method by which you receive meal reimbursement claims (for many of you that will come through the County), so you will need to check to verify your reimbursement is received.

Once ADE received the claims, they were sent to USDA where they were reviewed. If certain items on your claim were considered unallowable by USDA, they would have made modifications and therefore, you may not receive the exact amount you claimed. If you have a question about your reimbursement amount, please call me at (602) 542-8781 or email me at [Tina.Herzog@azed.gov](mailto:Tina.Herzog@azed.gov).

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