



June is here, summer is upon us. All of us are either on vacation or getting ready to go on vacation. Lots of us enjoy picnics, hiking, barbeques, and many other outdoor activities during the summer. This is a great time to bring along your favorite fruits and vegetables. Summer fruits are really sweet and delicious. Cantaloupe, Honeydew, Watermelon, Peaches, Plums, Nectarines, Corn and Tomatoes, to name a few, are favorites during the summertime. So why not enjoy the summer with your favorite fruits and vegetables and stay healthy too!



Happy 228th Birthday to the U.S. Army !!! Since its birth on 14 June 1775-over a year before the Declaration of Independence-the United States Army has played a vital role in the growth and development of our nation. Soldiers have fought 10 wars, from the American Revolution through the Cold War, the Gulf War, to the current War on Terrorism. This 228th Birthday is a celebration of The Army's history, traditions, and service to the Nation- past, present, and future. God bless each and every one of you and your families, God bless our magnificent Army, and God bless America.



Flying our Flag for Flag Day - Here are the basics for flying our flag: Ideally, an American flag on your house should hang from a staff that angles out from the front wall, a windowsill, or balcony. It's a good idea to screw a bracket made for holding a flagstaff to the trim. Fasten it securely so it won't become soiled or damaged. Do not allow the flag to touch the ground, floor, water, or anything else beneath it. It's also appropriate to hang the flag from a horizontal staff. Whether the flag hangs from an angled or horizontal staff, be sure the union or canton (the rectangle with the stars) is at the peak. When the flag is displayed horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be at the top and to your left. When displayed in a window, the flag should be hung so that the union is on the left when you see it from the street. The American flag is meant to be a flag; don't use it for any other purpose. For example, don't use it as drapery, ceiling decoration, or as a bed spread. And never use it as a receptacle for carrying or holding anything. The flag should not be displayed on **days when the weather is inclement**, except when an all-weather flag is displayed. Fly your flag!!!!

July's Upcoming Events

Fourth of July



DeCA Customers Are Enjoying National Promotions

May 29 thru Jun 11 - Seedless Watermelon; Jun 12 thru Jun 25 - California Cherries
Jun 26 thru Jul 16 - California Grapes



Featured Item of the Month – Corn



Avoid corn with discolored or dry-looking husks, stem ends, or kernels. Good quality corn should have fresh green husks with silk ends that are free of decay or worms. Ears should be evenly covered with plump, consistently sized kernels. Keep Corn refrigerated. Corn is highly perishable; eat as soon as possible. Corn is Low Fat, Saturated Fat Free, Sodium Free, Cholesterol Free, a Good Source of Fiber and a Good Source of the antioxidant Vitamin C. Serving tips: Fresh sweet corn must be cooked and is generally steamed or boiled and served as a popular side dish. Fresh corn kernels may also be used as an ingredient in soups, stews,casseroles, puddings, and breads.

Thought for the Month

“All men are created equal; ...they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights.” T. Jefferson

DSCP-Produce Business Unit

NEWSFLASH



MUST READ - WHAT'S HOT - WHAT'S NOT!!!

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUPPLY</u>	<u>QUALITY</u>	<u>MARKET</u>	<u>STATE</u>
Green Beans	Fair	Fair	Lower	GA
Cabbage, Green	Good	Good	Lower	GA/NC
Cabbage, Red	Good	Good	Lower	NC
Cucumbers, Caribbean Super Selects	Good	Good	Lower	GA
Corn, Yellow, White, Bicolor	Good	Good	Lower	GA
Onions, Yellow jumbos, red jumbos	Good	Good	Steady	NM
Onions, Vidalia	Good	Good	Higher	GA
Green Bell Peppers	Good	Good	Steady	FL
Potatoes, Baking	Good	Good	Steady	COWA
New Crop Reds	Good	Good	Steady	FL
Sweet Potatoes	Fair	Good	Steady	NC
Sweet Potatoes	Limited	Fair	Higher	LA
Radishes	Good	Good	Steady	FL
Squash, Zucchini, yellow	Good	Good	Higher	GA/NC
Tomatoes	Good	Good	Higher	FL
Cantaloupes	Good	Good	Lower	FL
Watermelons	Fair	Fair	Higher	FL
Blueberries	Good	Good	Steady	NC
Peaches	Good	Good		GA/SC
Asparagus	Good	Good	Strong	CA
Artichokes	Good	Good	Steady	CA
Broccoli Crowns	Good	Good to exc	Strong	CA
Cauliflower	Good	Exc to good	Steady	CA
Celery and Celery Hearts	Good	Good	Steady	CA
Iceberg Lettuce	Plentiful	Good to Fair	Steady	CA
Strawberries	Good	Good		CA
Apples, Red/Gold Delish, Fuji	Plenty	Good to exc		WA
Apples, Granny Smith	Very Limited	Good to exc		WA
Apples, Braeburn, Royal Galas	Good	Good to Exc		WA
Apples, Cameo	Plentiful	Good to exc		WA
Apples, Pink Lady,	Limited	Good to Exc		WA
Hot House Rhubarb	Plentiful	Excellent		WA
Bing Cherries	Increasing	Exc to Good		WA
Pears, D'Anjou, Bosc Golden Russet	Good	Good to exc		WA
Pears, Asian Russet	Limited	Exc to good		WA
Healthy Treats	Packed to order	Excellent		WA
Snack Pack	Packed to order	Excellent		WA
Grapes, White, Red, Black	Good	Good		CA/Import
Peaches	Good	Good		CA
Nectarines	Good	Good		CA
Cantaloupes	Good	Good		CA
Honeydews	Good	Good		CA
Navels	Good	Good		CA
Lemons	Good	Good		CA
Kiwifruit	Good	Good		CA



DID YOU KNOW ?????

- ★ **Produce CBU Chief and Business Office** reps visited the Chief of USDA Food and Nutrition Service, Alexandria, VA on May 21, 2003, for an update of school produce programs and an assessment of the partnership between our two agencies. DSCP supports schools in 43 states, 3 territories, Washington DC Public Schools, and Indian Reservations in 21 states. Next year we will welcome New York City Schools into the DoD Fresh Produce Program. USDA was satisfied with the current selection of produce and value added items, and our performances at school shows and nutrition fairs. USDA concurred with our proposal to expand the Small Farm to School Program in states with year-round agriculture using the Fair Share money, thereby supporting local farmers in these states with the USDA federal dollars.
- ★ **PBO Philadelphia** has added another Dining Facility to West Point. This Dining facility is from Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. There are 1100 troops being serviced thru this facility and ordering an average of 70 cases per delivery. They are receiving 3 deliveries per week. They are in West Point in support of the Cadets.
- ★ **PBO San Diego** office manager and troop issue technician visited the Gila River Pima Indian Reservation on May 28th. The purpose of the trip was to assess the level of support and solicit feedback about the products available. Customer feedback was indicative of high levels of satisfaction with our program and they were especially pleased with the announcement that two new items, corn and peaches are authorized for procurement. PBO personnel and the vendor will continue to work closely in support of the unique requirements of this customer.
- ★ **The DeCA Director** conducted store visits to Buckley AFB, Ft. Carson, Peterson AFB, the USAFA and F.E. Warren AFB 30 May through to 1 June 2003. The MG was accompanied by the Director and Deputy for the Mid West Region and their Zone Manager. The Zone Manager complimented him on the continuing excellent DSCP/PBO Denver DVD produce quality, service and support which meets or exceeds their expectations. He presented the DeCA Director's coin to the PBO Denver's Chief and Produce Specialist. **PBO Denver Chief** acknowledged the valued Produce Partnership between DSCP, DeCA, and the DVD produce suppliers.
- ★ **DSO Seattle Chief** visited with dining facility staff at the 593rd Area Support Group and 1st Special Forces Group both located at Fort Lewis, Washington. A joint inspection of the DVD vendor's delivery was performed. Product quality, documentation, equipment and delivery time was evaluated. These visits were followed by a visit with the TISO to discuss the success of the contractor for the base.

Please feel free to provide your comments directly to me at
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*Remember, as Kevin Spacey said in his new movie,
Our customers should always be able to say:*

“THE PRODUCE WAS WORTH THE TRIP !!”