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USDA Announces Food Distribution For Eligible Families On St. Croix

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The Department of Education, State Office of Special Nutrition announced on Thursday the distribution of bonus USDA commodities on Saturday, September 1, beginning at 7:00 a.m. at the Department of Agriculture fairgrounds on St. Croix in Estate Lower Love. Commodities will be distributed until supplies are depleted.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program or (TEFAP) uses income and not age to determine program eligibility. This distribution is for all needy persons meeting the criteria listed below. Distribution packages will be limited to one per household.

Individuals or heads of households eligible to receive these commodities must be identified as needy by meeting one of the following criteria:

1. A person or Head of household whose gross family income does not exceed the 185% of the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines for July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019. (See income eligibility guideline table below)

2. A person or Head of household that is a client of any of the following income certified assistance programs:

(a) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (b) Medical Assistance Program (c) Be a Tenant of a Subsidized Public Housing program.

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To obtain commodities, proper identification must be presented. Persons completing the self-certification form should be prepared to provide information relative to their gross income. Any persons that are not able to provide satisfactory information to the distribution site staff will not receive a commodity package. It is suggested that potential recipients bring along sturdy boxes or bags to assist with the transport of the food packages.

For further information, please call Federal Commodities Officer, Correy Lettsome at (340) 774-0100 ext. 2818.

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