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**Chapter 13.3 – Agencies and Programs:
Products Purchased from Sources Other Than Food Banks
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13.3 PRODUCTS PURCHASED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN FOOD BANKS

Agencies were asked to indicate the categories of products their programs purchased with cash from sources other than their food bank resources. Results based on agency responses are summarized in Table 13.3.1.

TABLE 13.3.1

PRODUCTS PURCHASED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN FOOD BANK

Categories of Products Programs Purchased with Cash from Sources Other than the Agency's Food Bank ^a	Pantry Programs	Kitchen Programs	Shelter Programs	All Programs
Bread, cereal, rice, and pasta	45.1%	58.8%	61.0%	50.5%
Fresh fruits and vegetables	26.0%	64.1%	67.0%	37.0%
Canned or frozen fruits and vegetables	35.6%	49.9%	48.9%	40.5%
Meat, poultry, fish, beans, eggs, and nuts	41.3%	68.8%	71.5%	50.2%
Milk, yogurt, and cheese	24.6%	62.9%	71.3%	36.6%
Fats, oils, condiments, and sweets	20.6%	57.6%	56.2%	30.9%
Cleaning or personal hygiene products, diapers, and toilet paper	39.9%	54.7%	79.2%	47.6%
Other ^b	7.8%	10.4%	8.2%	8.8%
No outside purchases	27.6%	8.4%	6.5%	0.2%
SAMPLE SIZE (N)	23,842	6,064	3,728	27,452

SOURCE: This table was constructed based on usable responses to Question 22 of the agency survey.

NOTES: All usable responses were weighted as described in Chapter 3 and in the Technical Appendix volume to represent all emergency food programs of the FA National Network. The sample sizes (N) also include missing data.

Missing, don't know, and refusal responses combined are 10.6% for pantry programs, 17.3% for kitchen programs, 22.7% for shelter programs, and 6.8% for all programs.

Due to possible nonresponse bias, estimates with missing, don't know, and refusal responses greater than 10% should be interpreted with caution.

^aMultiple responses were accepted.

^bThis includes beverages, such as coffee, tea, and juice; paper products, such as plastic utensils, paper plates, and garbage bags; and laundry products.

As Table 13.3.1 shows, 27.6% of the pantries, 8.4% of the kitchens, and 6.5% of the shelters did not purchase products from sources other than their food banks. However, most

emergency food programs purchased products from sources other than their food banks. More details follow:

- 45.1% of the pantries, 58.8% of the kitchens, and 61.0% of the shelters purchased bread, cereal, rice, and pasta.
- 26.0% of the pantries, 64.1% of the kitchens, and 67.0% of the shelters purchased fresh fruits and vegetables.
- 35.6% of the pantries, 49.9% of the kitchens, and 48.9% of the shelters purchased canned or frozen fruits and vegetables.
- 41.3% of the pantries, 68.8% of the kitchens, and 71.5% of the shelters purchased meat, poultry, fish, beans, eggs, and nuts.
- 24.6% of the pantries, 62.9% of the kitchens, and 71.3% of the shelters purchased milk, yogurt, and cheese.
- 20.6% of the pantries, 57.6% of the kitchens, and 56.2% of the shelters purchased fats, oils, condiments, and sweets.
- 39.9% of the pantries, 54.7% of the kitchens, and 79.2% of the shelters purchased cleaning or personal hygiene products, diapers, and toilet paper.