

**Equitable Agriculture Today for a Healthy America Act
“EAT Healthy America Act”**

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Title V – Nutrition

Sec. 501. Findings

Congressional policies should reflect national health goals

Sec. 502. Expansion of Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Increases funding for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program in order to increase children’s consumption of fruits and vegetables, improve their overall health, and reduce their risk of obesity. The goal is to achieve national expansion of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program with mandatory funding of \$300 million per year.

Sec. 503. Fruit and Vegetable Nutrition Program

Establishes a matching grant program at \$10 million per year to promote increased consumption of fruits and vegetables to meet USDA’s *2005 Dietary Guidelines*.

Sec. 504. Use of “Dietary Guidelines for Americans” in Special Nutrition Programs and School Lunch Programs

Requires USDA to ensure that all federal feeding programs, including WIC and school meals, are consistent with the *2005 Dietary Guidelines*.

Sec. 505. Section 32 Specialty Crop Purchases and DOD Fresh Program

Provides increased fruit and vegetable purchases in schools by increasing funding to Section 32 purchases and the DoD Fresh Program and requiring that purchases better reflect USDA’s *2005 Dietary Guidelines*. Increases Section 32 funding to \$400 million per year and increases the total allocation to the DoD Fresh Program to \$75 million in the first year, \$85 million in the second year, \$95 million in the third year, \$105 million in the fourth year, and \$115 in the fifth year, in order to increase schools’ access to fresh produce for school lunch.

Sec. 506. School Preference Study

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct and submit to Congress a study on the preferences of elementary and secondary schools for commodity distribution.

Sec. 507. Independent Evaluation of Department of Agriculture Commodity Purchase Process

Requires USDA to purchase the best quality commodities to schools and other feeding recipients through the most efficient and effective means benefiting growers and end-users.

Sec. 508. Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program

Strengthens the Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program (FSNE) to improve dietary and health outcomes for low-income Americans by broadening the definition of Nutrition Education to include comprehensive public health approaches.

Sec. 509. Sense of the Congress Regarding Nutritional Supplements

The Congress finds that nutritional supplements are not available for food stamp purchases.

Sec. 510. Food Stamp Fruit and Vegetable EBT Pilot Program

The EBT Pilot would provide \$10 million for states to develop and pilot test innovative programs that encourage food stamp recipients to increase their purchases of fruits and vegetables by providing a financial incentive directly to their EBT card.

Sec. XX. Scientific Review of WIC Food Packages Every 10 years

The Secretary shall engage the National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine every 10 years following publication of updated Dietary Guidelines, to evaluate the WIC Food Packages and recommend changes to reflect current public health concerns, national nutrition science and the diverse cultures the program serves.