

Feed BC Program Standards: Methodology for Tracking B.C. Food Expenditures and Product Purchases

General Parameters:

- Inclusive of all facilities with food services within an institution
- Total and B.C. food expenditures and purchases are tracked over a one-year period (e.g. fiscal year)
- Food expenditures will be stated as the dollar value of food purchased
- Includes a list of all B.C. food products purchased including seasonal, or limited-time items detailing B.C. source of origin production or processing

Product categories for tracking:

- Baked Goods (e.g., bread, muffins, baked goods)
- Beverages (e.g., juice, pop, coffee, tea, thickened fluids, water)
- Dairy (e.g., fluid and cultured, yogurt, ice cream)
- Produce (e.g., fruit and vegetables – fresh and frozen)
- Grocery (e.g., canned, puddings, Jell-O, jams, sauces, condiments, soup, dry goods, misc. items)
- Protein (e.g., meat, chicken, fish, seafood, eggs, cheese, textures, entrees)

Product vs Supplier Origin Clarification

- The **product** origin should be tracked, and **not the supplier** origin
- A supplier based in B.C. may carry both B.C. and non-B.C. products. Only the B.C. products should be counted in the B.C. food expenditures

Examples:

- ABC Eggs is a B.C. supplier. They carry both B.C. products (fluid eggs) and non-B.C. products (breakfast wraps). Only the fluid eggs should be counted
- ABC Produce is a wholesale produce company based in B.C. They carry a variety of B.C. and non-B.C. products. Only the B.C. products should be included in the reporting on B.C. food expenditures. This may require distributors or contracted food services requesting more detailed information from wholesalers
- If the origin of a product is uncertain, institutions should request that distributors and contracted food services contact suppliers to confirm origin of individual products.

Determining Food Expenditures

Total Food Expenditure:

- Each institution works with its Group Purchasing Organization (GPO), suppliers, distributors, and/or contracted food service providers to determine procedures for obtaining an accurate statement of food spends by category and by total food spends
- The total food spend will be based on the value of all food items purchased in the fiscal year, excluding:
 - Chemicals
 - pharmaceuticals (enteral feedings/ baby formulas /tube feeds)
 - paper, plastic, packaging, food containers, small ware

B.C. Food Expenditure

- Each institution will determine its own procedures for obtaining an accurate statement of B.C. food expenditure (definition of B.C. food is noted Appendix A).
- Each institution will make its best efforts to identify the B.C. food products procured for its facilities by working with its suppliers to identify local sourcing of products. Examples include:
 - Using velocity reports from suppliers and distributors, determine what food items are considered B.C. food under the definitions
 - B.C. grown or processed food may be flagged in the ordering system.

Calculations

- For each category noted above, calculate both the percentage of B.C. food expenditures for that category, and the percentage of B.C. food to the total food expenditures.
- A percentage of all B.C. food expenditures to all food expenditures will also be calculated.
- Percentages will be calculated to two decimal points.

