

O. COMMODITY ADVISORY COUNCIL:

The Commodity Advisory Council (CAC) members (Exhibit O-1) represent a variety of schools and programs. A representative from each distributing region of the state, a private and Residential Child Care Institution (RCCI) representative, as well as an industry/broker and distributor representatives are elected by SFAs. Each representative serves a two-year staggered terms. The FDP Director is a member of the committee, but is a non-voting member. Secretarial services for the council are supplied by the FDP.

THE CAC meets twice year, more often if necessary to discuss changes in state and federal policies and regulations, commercial distributors, processing, and food preference survey. The Council reviews and comments on all aspects of the commodity program. Recommendations are made to USDA, by the FDP on the CAC behalf.

Activities of the Council are vital links in the State Information Network. Recommendations by the Council have often resulted in documented program improvements. It is important for SFAs to maintain a close working relationship with the Council in order to share information and suggestions. A list of CAC members and minutes of each meeting can be found on the FDP web site.