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USDA COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION NOVEMBER 9 ON ST. CROIX

ST. THOMAS, USVI -- The Virgin Islands Department of Education Special Nutrition Programs will hold its second distribution of USDA commodities for the island of St. Croix at 7 a.m. on November 9 at the Agriculture Fair Grounds.

All eligible persons are to report on that day and time. Distribution will continue until all items are depleted.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program or (TEFAP) uses income, 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 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, 2019 thru June 30, 2020. (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.

In order 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 not able to provide satisfactory information to the distribution site staff will not receive a commodity package. It is suggested that potential recipients bring sturdy boxes or bags to assist with the transport of the food packages.

For more information, contact Federal Commodities Officer Correy Lettsome at (340) 774-0100 ext. 2818.

| ANNUAL | | MONTHLY | | WEEKLY | |
|---|--|------------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| Not more than \$ 23,107 | | Not more than \$1,926 | | Not more than \$445 | |
| Household size 2 \$ 31,284 | | \$ 2,607 | | \$ 602 | |
| Household size 3 \$ 39,461 | | \$ 3,289 | | \$ 759 | |
| Household size 4 \$ 47,638 | | \$ 3,970 | | \$ 917 | |
| Household size 5 \$ 55,815 | | \$ 4,652 | | \$ 1,074 | |
| Household size 6 \$ 63,992 | | \$ 5,333 | | \$ 1,231 | |
| Household size 7 \$ 72,169 | | \$ 6,015 | | \$ 1,388 | |
| Household size 8 \$ 80,346 | | \$ 6,696 | | \$ 1,546 | |
| For each add'l family member, add 8,177 | | \$ 682 | | \$ 158 | |

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