USDA Grants First State-Specific Restrictions on SNAP-Eligible Foods

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Recently, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) granted requests from Nebraska, Iowa and Indiana to exclude certain food items from eligibility under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The approval of these waivers will likely be the first of many, as USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins "look[s] forward to signing even more waivers in the days ahead." In turn, state-specific standards for SNAP-eligible food items may become the norm. The USDA has publicized a tracker on SNAP food restriction waivers, noting that "[t]he Trump Administration is leading bold reform to strengthen integrity and restore nutritional value within [SNAP]."

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