

5101:4-1-16                   **Food assistance: project area.**

This rule sets forth the definition of the project area for any approved county collaboration. The approved county collaborations allow multiple counties to come together under a common agreement and operate as one project area when determining eligibility. Throughout the remainder of the food assistance certification handbook the term "county agency" is used in establishing the requirements for the food assistance program. All county collaborations are required to follow the established rules; however, where the term "county agency" is used the county collaborations will insert the term "project area".

## (A) What is a project area?

Project area means the county or similar subdivision designated by a state as the administrative unit for program operations. Upon prior United States department of agriculture (USDA) food and nutrition services (FNS) approval, a city, Indian reservation, human service district, or any other entity with clearly defined geographic boundaries, or any combination of such entities, may be designated as a project area, or a state as a whole may be designated as a single project area.

## (B) What counties are included in the approved county collaboration project areas?

## (1) Collabor8

- (a) Delaware;
- (b) Hancock;
- (c) Knox;
- (d) Marion;
- (e) Morrow;
- (f) Sandusky; and
- (g) Wood.

(2) ~~Sub. H.B. No. 225, 129th G.A. joint department of job and family services:~~  
In accordance with section 329.40 of the Revised Code:

- (a) South central Ohio job and family services:

~~(a)~~(i) Hocking;

~~(b)~~(ii) Ross; and

~~(e)~~(iii) Vinton.

(b) Defiance/Paulding consolidated department of job and family services:

(i) Defiance; and

(ii) Paulding.

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