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## Commissary worldwide case lot sales offer massive savings in September

Some sales start in late August or early October – go to  
[http://www.commissaries.com/case\\_lot\\_sale.cfm](http://www.commissaries.com/case_lot_sale.cfm) for your store's sales date

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**FORT LEE, Va.** – Whether you're packing your pantry for school-day meals and munchies, or just staying "hurricane ready" until the official season ends Nov. 30, the Defense Commissary Agency's worldwide case lot sale in September can help you do so with savings of up to 50 percent or more.

"Fall often brings lots of big expenses for back-to-school youth as well as adults returning to college classes," said DeCA Acting Director and CEO Thomas E. Milks. "The September case lot sale can help trim your grocery budget so you'll have more to spend on school-related purchases."

There are 330 items available for the sale this year and store staffs decide which items they will feature in their sales. They also supplement these items with local direct-store-delivery items such as soda, chips and baked goods, said Charlie Dowlen, DeCA promotions manager. Selections range from canned goods, beverages, paper products, cleaning and laundry products, and pet supplies to produce, fresh meat and seafood, and bakery products. Club pack items are also used extensively in this sale and include plenty of items that fit the bill for back-to-school eating "on the go," as well as products useful for hurricane and tornado preparedness: food and beverages that don't require refrigeration, flashlights, lanterns and emergency candles.

“Case lot sales provide a great opportunity to stock up at savings beyond our normal 30 percent or more,” said Dowlen. “More than half of the items are sold in ‘club pack’ product packages similar to the oversized packages or multiple products bundled together that are found at commercial warehouse club outlets.”

DeCA’s worldwide case lot sales mainly take place in May and September of each year. Dowlen said this year’s May event broke previous sales records, showing that savvy commissary shoppers take full advantage of the unbeatable savings offered at case lot sales.

Most commissaries participate but schedule their case lot sales on different weekends throughout September. However, some store sales dates can occur as early as August and as late as October. For example, the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Commissary, Calif., will hold its case lot event Aug. 19-22, while the Baumholder Commissary, Germany, will conduct its sale Oct. 2-3. So check the schedule for your local store’s sale dates by going to the special case lot sale Web page at: [http://www.commissaries.com/case\\_lot\\_sale.cfm](http://www.commissaries.com/case_lot_sale.cfm).

Customers who live in regions with multiple commissaries can use the DeCA website, <http://www.commissaries.com>, for information on all sales in their area.

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**About DeCA:** *The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices – savings worth more than \$4,400 annually for a family of four. A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America’s military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.*