



## FIELD FEEDING EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS OF THE U.S. ARMY | DoD CFD

As important as it is to consistently deliver high quality, highly acceptable rations to Soldiers, it is equally as imperative for troops to have the equipment they need to prepare and serve those rations. The mission of the CFD Food Systems and Equipment Team (FSET) is to engineer and design food service equipment that consistently provides Soldiers the capability to enjoy hot group meals in combat or training environments. The FSET operates under the purview of the Product Manager – Force Sustainment Systems (PM-FSS), who ensures that new equipment and food service systems are able to transition smoothly and expeditiously to Soldiers in the field.



Providing the right equipment for a specific operational scenario is highly dependent not only on developing novel equipment configuration concepts with cutting edge technologies, but also on ensuring that the resulting equipment can be integrated into the total life cycle support of already existing field food service systems. This is why the FSET operates under the purview of PM-FSS and in collaboration with Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM) and the Integrated Logistics Support Center. PM-FSS enhances the combat effectiveness and quality of life for Soldiers by providing equipment, systems, and technical support to sustain and improve the environments in which they live, train, and operate. These programs provide direct and indirect life cycle support to Soldiers in virtually any environment, including training, contingency, and combat operations. PM-FSS provides a broad range of Soldier sustainment capability that ensures Soldiers have the proper living conditions, nutrition, supply, hygiene, and clean clothing, resulting in improved combat effectiveness.



When it comes to the specific mission of field feeding equipment for proper nutrition, food supply, and sanitation, CFD is responsible for identifying, leveraging, and integrating maturing technology from the S&T community with verified requirements from the user community (CASCOM/Army Center of Excellence, Subsistence) into acquisition programs of record for material solutions. PM-FSS ensures that initial concept engineering solutions are managed with a total life cycle mentality and are smoothly transitioned to full scale production and sustainment. The outcomes of these activities are well-planned and executed acquisition programs that field robust, efficient, and proven equipment and systems for field feeding, ration storage, and sanitation. These programs feature collaborative transition plans for equipment sustainment; increased Soldier safety, efficiency and comfort; conservation of battlefield resources such as fuel, water, and electricity; systems with smaller footprints requiring less resupply and support; and lower operations and sustainment costs.



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