

# FY 2026 PURCHASING & MERCHANDISING CALENDAR

## Ongoing Deadlines and Schedules

### New Item Listings

- Published: July 1 (Fall) & January 1 (Spring)
- Submissions Due: July 31 & January 30
- Samples Requested: Aug 15 & February 13
- Decisions Finalized: September 2 & March 2
- Inventory Due: October 1 & April 1

### Monthly SPAs

- Price Changes Due: 3rd Wednesday of each month, 3 months prior
- Inventory Due in Warehouse: 10th of month prior

### Price Changes

- General Distribution Price Changes Due: 3rd Wednesday of each month, 3 months prior
- Limited Distribution Price Changes Due: 3rd Wednesday of the month prior

### Seasonal Limited Time Offers

- Fall/Winter Holidays: Submissions due July 31
- Spring/Summer Holidays: Submissions due January 30
- Inventory Due: 1st of month prior to feature

### Value-Added Products (VAPs)

- Submissions due 15th, 2 months prior to promo period

### Merchandising Display Program (POD)

- Submissions Due: 1st day, 3 months prior to display period
- Decision Communicated: 1st day, 2 months prior
- POS and Inventory Due: 15th day, 1 month prior

## Month-by-Month Breakdown

### JULY 2025

- July 1 (Tues) – Fall Listings open + Oct/Nov/Dec POD submissions due
- July 4 (Fri) – Independence Day Holiday (DABS closed)
- July 10 (Thurs) – August SPA inventory due
- July 16 (Wed) – October General / SPA / August L price changes due
- July 24 (Thurs) – Pioneer Day Holiday (DABS closed)
- July 31 (Thurs) – Fall new item submissions + Fall/Winter seasonal submissions due

### AUGUST 2025

- August 1 (Fri) – Oct/Nov/Dec POD decision
- August 11 (Mon) –September SPA inventory due
- August 15 (Fri) – Oct/Nov/Dec VAP submissions due + New item sample requests
- August 20 (Wed) – November General / SPA / September L price changes due

### SEPTEMBER 2025

- September 1 (Mon) – Labor Day Holiday; DABS closed
- September 2 (Tues) – Fall listing decisions + Halloween seasonal inventory due
- September 10 (Wed) – October SPA inventory due
- September 15 (Mon) – Oct/Nov/Dec POD graphics and inventory due
- September 17 (Wed) – December General / SPA / October L price changes due

### OCTOBER 2025

- October 1 (Wed) – Jan/Feb/Mar POD submissions due + Fall new item / Thanksgiving seasonal inventory due
- October 10 (Fri) – November SPA inventory due
- October 13 (Mon) – Columbus Day Holiday; DABS closed
- October 15 (Wed) – January General / SPA / November L price changes due

### NOVEMBER 2025

- November 3 (Wed) – Jan/Feb/Mar POD decision + Christmas / New Year’s seasonal inventory due
- November 10 (Mon) – December SPA inventory due
- November 11 (Tues) – Veterans Day Holiday; DABS closed
- November 14 (Fri) – Jan/Feb/Mar VAP submissions due
- November 19 (Wed) – February General / SPA / December L price changes due
- November 27 (Thurs) – Thanksgiving Holiday; DABS closed

### DECEMBER 2025

- December 10 (Wed) – January SPA inventory due
- December 15 (Mon) – Jan/Feb/Mar POD graphics and inventory due
- December 17 (Wed) – March General / SPA / January L price changes due
- December 25 (Thurs) – Christmas Holiday; DABS closed

## Month-by-Month Breakdown

### JANUARY 2026

- January 1 (Thurs) – New Year’s Day Holiday; DABS closed
- January 2 (Fri) – Spring Listings Open + Apr/May/Jun POD submissions due + Superbowl / Valentine’s Day seasonal inventory due
- January 9 (Fri) – February SPA inventory due
- January 19 (Mon) – MLK Jr. Day Holiday; DABS closed
- January 21 (Wed) - April General / SPA / February L price changes due
- January 30 (Fri) – Spring new item submissions due + Easter, Cinco de Mayo, Father’s Day and Independence Day seasonal item submissions due

### FEBRUARY 2026

- February 2 (Mon) – St. Patrick’s Day seasonal inventory due + Apr/May/Jun POD decision
- February 10 (Tues) – March SPA inventory due
- February 13 (Fri) – Apr/May/Jun VAP submissions due + New item sample requests
- February 16 (Mon) – President’s Day Holiday; DABS closed
- February 18 (Wed) – May General / SPA / March L price changes due

### MARCH 2026

- March 2 (Mon) – Spring listing decisions + Easter seasonal inventory due
- March 10 (Tues) – April SPA inventory due
- March 16 (Mon) – Apr/May/Jun POD graphics and inventory due
- March 18 (Wed) - June General / SPA / April L price changes due

### APRIL 2026

- April 1 (Wed) – Jul/Aug/Sep POD submissions due + Spring new item inventory due + Cinco de Mayo seasonal inventory due
- April 10 (Fri) – May SPA inventory due
- April 15 (Wed) - July General / SPA / May L price changes due

### MAY 2026

- May 1 (Fri) – Jul/Aug/Sep POD decision + Father’s Day seasonal inventory due
- May 11 (Mon) – June SPA inventory due
- May 15 (Fri) – Jul/Aug/Sep VAP submissions due
- May 20 (Wed) – August General / SPA / June L price changes due
- May 25 (Mon) – Memorial Day Holiday; DABS closed

### JUNE 2026

- June 1 (Mon) – Independence Day seasonal inventory due
- June 10 (Wed) – July SPA inventory due
- June 15 (Mon) – Juneteenth Holiday; DABS closed
- June 16 (Tues) – Jul/Aug/Sep POD graphics and inventory due
- June 17 (Wed) - September General / SPA / July L price changes due