Adventures in Food and Nutrition! © 2016 Chapter 12: Smart Shopping—Glossary

color additives. Additives that make foods look more appealing.

comparison shopping. Comparing prices of different brands, forms, and sizes of the same item.

convenience store. A type of store often located near or in residential areas that are usually open longer than most other food stores.

discount food stores. A type of food store that offers food at lower prices because the store buys large amounts of food and offers few services.

expiration date. The last date a food should be eaten.

farmers' market. A marketplace where people can buy fresh fruits, vegetables, and eggs directly from the farm at lower prices.

flavor additives. Additives that make foods taste more appealing.

food additive. Any substance added to foods.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Federal organization that sets the standards for food labels for all foods except for meat and poultry.

food cooperative. A discount food store that is formed when a group of people get together and buy large amounts of food.

freshness date. The date that indicates how long a food will be fresh and tasty.

generic products. Products that have plain labels and are not advertised. They are often the least expensive.

impulse buying. Making an unplanned purchase.

name brands. Brands that cost the most because they have fancy packages and are advertised.

neighborhood grocery store. Small food store often owned and run by one family.

nutrient additives. Vitamins and minerals added to foods to make them more nutritious.

open dating. A system of putting dates on foods to help you to decide which package to buy and which to use first.

organic foods. Crops grown on farmland that has not been treated with human-made pesticides or weed killers or fertilized with sewage sludge. Organic meats are from farm animals that received no drugs or hormones to speed their growth rate.

perishable foods. Foods that spoil in a few days, such as fresh milk and meat.

preservative. An additive that helps keep foods fresh longer by preventing the growth of mold or bacteria.

pull date. The last day a food should be sold.

sell date. The last day a food should be sold.

shopping plan. A plan that helps you save time, energy, and money. It also helps you reach your food shopping goal of getting what you need at the best price.

specialty shop. A store that features one type of food.

staple foods. Foods that stay fresh for a long time, such as flour and sugar.

store brands. Brands sold by supermarket.

supermarket. A type of large food store that offers special services and also sells nonfood items.

texture food additives. Additives that help ingredients blend well or improve the texture of foods.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Federal organization that sets the standards for meat and poultry labels.

unit price. The cost per unit of an item.

universal product code (UPC). A series of black lines, bars, and numbers printed on food labels to identify the product, its manufacturer, size, and style or form for a computer programmed to reflect the current price of that item.