

Check in with CANS

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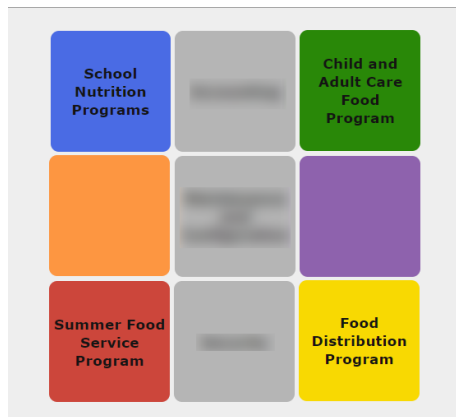
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All Program Reminders or Updates:

- (Mikayla) **Income Eligibility Guideline (IEG) Update:** Annual adjustments to the IEG used in determining eligibility for free and reduced-price meals, and free milk for July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, was published. These guidelines are used by schools, institutions, and facilities participating in the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, and Summer Food Service Program. The [updated guidelines](#) have been posted on the [CANS webpage](#) under documents.
- (Christina) **iCAN Update:** As you log into iCAN, you may notice some changes. No need to panic! iCAN is changing the look of the homepage to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).



- (Susan) **NEW Proposed Rule, “Serious Deficiency Process in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)”** The proposed rule can be viewed here: [Federal Register Notice](#). proposing important modifications to the serious deficiency process in CACFP, extending the process to CACFP unaffiliated sponsored centers, and establishing a serious deficiency process in SFSP. These changes will improve consistency in language and process among statute, regulations, and guidance for both CACFP and SFSP. Additionally, these changes will improve consistency in the serious deficiency process within and across States and strengthen program integrity. This rule also proposes updates to the suspension process in CACFP and proposes options on implementing suspension in SFSP. Additionally, this rule proposes options on termination and disqualification procedures for school food authorities that operate SFSP and CACFP. Please see FNS’s [Serious Deficiency Process in the CACFP and SFSP](#) webpage for more information, including a summary chart of proposed provisions.
- (Janelle) **Farm to School (F2S)**

- **F2S Crew Meeting, [Zoom Link](#)**, Meeting ID: 910 6750 0343, and Passcode: 136372
 - March 12, 3:00pm CT (2:00pm MT).
 - 45 minute, high paced, information packed gathering of food service directors.
 - Participants are a mix of those who have done F2S and those who want to do F2S.
 - 3 food service professionals from neighboring states will share their F2S experience.
- **F2S Regional Buyer/Grower Summit—SNP and SFSP**
 - In partnership with SDSU Extension, we are finishing up regional buyer/grower gatherings. The last session will be held virtually on March 26 from 6:30pm-8:00pm CST (no snacks or meal provided). Register [here](#) (last chance to register: noon, Mar. 25)
 - Additional information can be found [here](#).
 - This event provides farmers, ranchers, child nutrition professionals, and summer feeding program operators with brief training and the opportunity to learn and grow F2S in SD communities.
 - There is no charge to attend.
- (Mikayla) **National Nutrition Month:** Did you know that March is National Nutrition Month!? National Nutrition Month® is an [annual campaign](#) established in 1973 by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. During the month of March, everyone is invited to learn about making informed food choices and developing healthful eating and physical activity habits.

This year's theme is "**Beyond the Table**," which addresses the farm-to-fork aspect of nutrition, from food production and distribution to navigating grocery stores and farmers markets — and even home food safety and storage practices. It also describes the various ways we eat — not only around a dinner table, but also on the go, in schools and restaurants, at games and events. This theme also includes sustainability, for instance, decreasing food waste from school and work to home and beyond.

- (Cheriee) **Longevity Certificates Available upon request.** As a service to our programs, CANS will provide longevity certificates that are available for years that are multiples of 5 (10, 15, 20 years) as well as for retirement. If you would like to request a longevity or retirement certificate, please email DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us with the person's name, school/sponsor name, years of service, and mailing address. Certificates will be sent through U.S. Postal Service mail.

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Reminders or Updates:

- (Jordan) **NEW [CACFP 05-2024 Implementation Guidance: State Agency Review Requirements](#) issued 2/26/2024.**
 - This memo provides additional information regarding the provisions related to the frequency and number of reviews for state agencies monitoring the CACFP. These provisions have a start date of Aug. 23, 2024. FNS codified regulations at 7 CFR 226.6(m) increase the frequency of reviews for some institutions operating the CACFP.
- (Jordan) **National CACFP week** is schedule for March 10-16! Please let us know if you are celebrating!
- (Diana L) **USDA Team Nutrition New Resources: [Family Style Meal Service With Children in the CACFP. View in Spanish, Vea en español.](#)** These resources include:
 - An Operator Booklet: includes information on how to help prepare and support children, train staff, and meet CACFP meal pattern requirements to successfully serve meals "family style" in the CACFP.

- Classroom Posters: discussion tools teachers can use in their classrooms to introduce the steps of family style meal service, rules for family style meals, and sample scripts for conversations at mealtime with children.
- Training Slides: ready-to-go presentation slides to help train staff on family style meal service in the CACFP.
- Photographs: original photographs representing family style meal service in childcare and afterschool settings to use in training materials.
- Social media graphics: three animated graphics to help spread the word about this new resource and the benefits of family style meal service.
- [Live Webinar](#) – March 20

School Nutrition Program (SNP) Reminders or Updates:

- (Andrea) **Community Eligibility Provision (CEP):** The recording of the USDA webinar, “Community Eligibility Provision 101,” and presentation slides are now available in the Technical Assistance Resources section of the CEP Resource Center on the USDA Food and Nutrition Service’s website [here](#).
- (Andrea) **CEP Resources:** USDA has updated the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) resources for local program operators. CEP regulations changed recently by lowering the minimum identified student percentage (ISP) from 40 percent to 25 percent. You can find these documents on [USDA's Documents and Resources Webpage](#).
- (Diana W) **Celebrate Your School Nutrition Program Today!** It’s an exciting time in school nutrition – now is the time to be recognized for making school meals healthier! The [Healthy Meals Incentives Recognition Awards](#) celebrate School Food Authorities that are leading the way in providing children with access to nutritious school meals. Awardees will receive national and local recognition, including a stipend to attend an exclusive national Healthy Meals Summit in Las Vegas! There are eight Recognition Award categories to select from. Whether it’s preparation techniques, menu planning, cultural diversity of meals, student and community engagement, or nutrition education - help us highlight your amazing work and disseminate best practices across the nation. To learn more, visit [healthymealsincentives.org](#).
- (Melissa) **KOWABUNGA DUDE! Surfs up! It’s school breakfast week!** March 4-8. We would love to see what kind of exciting events and activities you are implementing. USDA has created a [National School Breakfast Week Toolkit](#), which we encourage you to use and share with your child nutrition partners. The toolkit includes messaging, resources, and social media content to help tell the story of healthy school breakfast. Spread the word through your newsletters or blogs, use the #NSBW24 hashtag, and reach out to the CANS to share the events of this exciting week!
- (Melissa) **2024 Pathways to School Nutrition Success Summer Conference** is scheduled for June 11-13 at the SDSU Campus in Brookings, SD. Registration is now OPEN! Sessions will offer instruction in important areas within Child Nutrition Programs. Learn ways to implement and deliver the best nutrition program in the state! Travel costs are allowable to your school foodservice program. The link to register is: [Pathways 2024 Registration](#)
- (Janelle) **Beef to School Survey:** We need your help! In partnership with SDSU Extension, we are seeking your input on the Beef to School program. Whether you are participating in the program or not, please [take this survey](#) to help us understand the current status of local beef supply to schools throughout South Dakota. The survey takes approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. Use the “Save and Continue Later” feature in case you get interrupted while completing. Please complete the survey by **March 29, 2024**. Results will be shared in June 2024. If you have any questions or technical issues with the survey, please contact Michael Dunn, Evaluation Specialist—Population Health Evaluation Center via email at Michael.dunn@state.edu or by phone at 605-688-6553.

USDA Foods in School/Food Distribution Program Reminders or Updates: (Darcy)

- Thank you to everyone that completed the annual survey on time! This is helpful information to help us bring in the products schools want next school year.
- **April Delivery:** The order form for April delivery is open in the Food Distribution Program in iCAN. The order form will close at 9:00 a.m., Monday, March 11. All USDA Foods are bonus items meaning they do not use entitlement, but the values will still need to be recorded in your inventory. If your school district needs to use entitlement, contact Darcy Beougher before placing your order.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) & Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Reminders or Updates:

- (Susan) **Safe Meals, Healthy Kids: Food Safety Tips for Summer Meals**
 - Summer will be here soon! Do you need a summer meal program refresher? On January 31, 2024, FNS hosted a national webinar for summer meal providers: “Safe Meals, Healthy Kids: Food Safety Tips for Summer Meals.” It included presentations on food safety and summer meal policies, followed by sharing and Q&A opportunities. This webinar, intended for summer meal providers and others providing training for summer meal operations, was recorded and is available to view [here](#).
- (Cheriee) **Grab and Go Summer Meals in Rural Areas for Seamless Summer Option (SSO) and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).**
 - Grab and Go meals in rural areas is a permanent option! If you want to learn a little bit about Grab and Go, a recent Crash Course about Grab and Go Meals in Summer Feeding can be found on <https://sded.sd.gov/> - Select Categories: Child and Adult Nutrition Services. Enroll in Crash Course with CANS to find the list of short training videos.
 - USDA guidance about GNG meal service found [here](#).
 - Any SSO or SFSP sponsor interested in operating a Grab and Go site in summer 2024 **must attend** the in-person SFSP New Sponsor & Grab and Go Training. The training is in Pierre on March 14, from 1pm – 5pm CT. If you are interested in participating, please [register](#) for the training. There is no virtual training option.
- (Christina) **New USDA Memos:**
 - [SFSP 13-2023 Unused Reimbursement in the Summer Food Service Program](#)- provides guidance to State agencies and Program operators for managing situations in which sponsors receive more reimbursement than they have spent on allowable costs in the SFSP.
 - [SFSP 14-2023 Best Practices for Managing Unused Reimbursement in the Summer Food Service Program](#) - provides guidance to State agencies for managing those situations in which sponsors have unused reimbursement in the SFSP. The memo provides clarification to sponsors on how to identify, calculate, monitor, and verify sponsor’s unused meal reimbursements to ensure compliance with FNS regulations governing proper funds usage in the SFSP.
 - [SFSP 15-2023 Best Practices for Determining Proximity of Sites in the Summer Food Service Program](#)- assists State agencies in preventing approval of multiple sites offering meal services at the same time to the same population of children.
- (Jordan) **Revised USDA Memos:**
 - [SFSP 07-2024, SP 13-2024](#) - Non-Congregate Meal Service in Rural Areas Questions and Answers
 - [SFSP 05-2017 Summer Food Service Program Questions and Answers - Revised](#)- updates previously issued Q&A to clarify SFSP requirements found in 7 CFR Part 225, FNS Instruction 796-

- 4, and other official Federal Program guidance. Out of date language concerning unused reimbursement has been removed.
- [SFSP 01-2008 Nationwide Expansion of Summer Food Service Program Simplified Cost Accounting Procedures – Revised](#) - updates previously issued guidance to clarify SFSP simplified cost accounting requirements, as found in 7 CFR Part 225. Out of date language concerning unused reimbursement has been removed.
 - [SFSP 04-2024, SP 06-2024](#) - Rural Designations in the Summer Meal Programs – Revised

Upcoming Trainings or Calls: (Melissa)

- **Seamless Summer Option (SSO):** This program is available to schools participating in the school nutrition programs. SSO is an extension of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program designed for schools that wish to provide meals over the summer months to their communities, but do not want to change program operations to meet the requirements of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). The SSO training webinar will be held on March 20, 2024, at 2:30pm CT/1:30 pm MT. Join with this [Zoom link](#).
- Check in with CANS occur on the first Thursday of each month at 2:30pm CT/1:30 pm MT.
 - Next Check in Date: April 4
 - Join [via Zoom](#) with the following Meeting ID: 996 4896 6220; Passcode: 870082.
 - Minutes are posted to the [CANS website](#), under the Check in with CANS tab after the call. A recording of the call is available upon request for a limited amount of time.
- Crash Course with CANS - All crash course trainings take place on Thursdays at 2:30 pm CT / 1:30pm MT via Zoom. Join with this [Zoom link](#). Meeting ID: 996 4896 6220; Passcode: 870082.
 - 3/21 CACFP Recordkeeping Q&A
 - 4/11 Crediting Grains in CACFP
 - 4/25 How to Write a Grant
 - 5/16 CN Final Meal Pattern Rules

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