USDA Updates from the Food and Nutrition Service

Tuesday, 2:30pm- 3:30pm
Agenda

• Welcome

• USDA Foods

• Policy and Program Development

• Nutrition Education, Training and Technical Assistance

• Program Monitoring and Operational Support

• Q&A
Welcome
Child Nutrition Reauthorization

Status: Congressional Staff working on options

Potential Issue Areas
- Streamlining/Burden Reduction
- Program Integrity
- Summer Access
Child Nutrition Reauthorization

USDA 2020 Budget Legislative Proposals:
• Verification Updates
• CEP Targeting
• Farm to School Grant Limit Increase
School Nutrition School Nutrition and Meal Cost Study
Farm to School Grants

➢ Annually USDA awards $5 million
➢ Increased Funding – More Awards
➢ FY19 Grant Awards Announced This Morning!
YOUR VOICE MATTERS.
YOUR VOICE COUNTS.

The USDA Farm to School Census: coming Fall 2019!

remember:
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USDA Foods Update

Kathy Staley
Branch Chief, Program Integrity and Monitoring Branch
USDA Foods Ordering Options

Direct Delivery

Bulk for Processing

USDA DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
Spending Across USDA Foods Ordering Options

• National Averages
  • Direct Delivery: 43%
  • Bulk for Processing: 40%
  • USDA DoD Fresh: 17%

• State Ranges
  • Direct Delivery: 0-99%
  • Bulk for Processing: 0-100%
  • USDA DoD Fresh: 0-75%
100%

Working with you to order, spend, and use your entitlement in the year that it is earned
USDA Foods FY18 NSLP Purchases

**FY18- Total Dollars**

- Fruits/Veg: 45%
- Dairy: 16%
- Poultry: 16%
- Beef/Pork: 19%
- Nuts/Seeds: 1%
- Grains: 1%
- Eggs: 1%

**FY18- Total Pounds**

- Fruits/Veg*: 63%
- Dairy: 9%
- Poultry: 14%
- Beef/Pork: 9%
- Nuts/Seeds: 3%
- Grains: 3%
- Fish: <1%
- Eggs: 1%

*Value estimated for USDA DoD Fresh
USDA Foods in Breakfast

- Received $20 million in additional USDA Foods funding to encourage spending on breakfast foods

- Offer many breakfast foods!
  - Grab and go products
  - Hot items
  - Fruit, fresh and frozen
What is Trade Mitigation?

- USDA has been authorized up to $12 billion in FY19 to support farmers impacted by tariffs
- Food purchase and distribution is one of three strategies that USDA will be using
  - Up to $1.2 billion planned to be spent on USDA Foods; most will be directed to TEFAP
- Program expected to continue into FY20; offerings still to be determined
Processing Program Updates

• Final Processing Rule published May 1, 2018 / Effective July 2, 2018
• Revised FD-064: Management of USDA Food Inventories at Processors
• Rescinded nine Policy Memos via FD-145
• Currently revising the audit guide, National Processing Agreement (NPA), and developing new memoranda
Monitoring USDA Foods Inventories at Processors

- Six-month or less
- Comparing orders to inventory on hand at processors before approving orders
- Working with processors to clean up small inventory balances
- Paying close attention to stagnant inventories
USDA DoD Fresh Continues to Increase

USDA DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Spending in NSLP

$0, $50,000,000, $100,000,000, $150,000,000, $200,000,000, $250,000,000, $300,000,000

SY08, SY09, SY10, SY11, SY12, SY13, SY14, SY15, SY16, SY17, SY18

USDA Foods in Schools
Local Produce and State of Origin

• Vendors are *encouraged*, when seasonally available, to source local produce

• Vendors must report State of Origin in FFAVORS catalog starting July 2019
Stay in the Know with webinars and E-letters

- Click on this icon on our website to sign up for our E-letter
  - Featured foods, webinar updates, and more!
- Upcoming Webinar: FNS Instruction 709-5
  - September 5, 2019
  - Look for more information in the August e-letter
USDA Foods in Schools Photo Contest

• 2019 Show Us Your Tray Photo Contest
  • Open from October 17, 2018, to January 15, 2019
  • Four submission categories to highlight food groups
  • Congratulations to the winners!

Help Us Spread the Word for 2020!

• We anticipated announcing our next photo contest in October 2019!
• Stay tuned for more details
USDA Child Nutrition Programs Update
School Nutrition Association
2019 Annual National Conference
Agenda

• School Meal Flexibilities
• Food Crediting Guidance
• Summer Update
• Additional Resources & Reminders
School Meal Flexibilities
Final Meal Pattern Flexibilities

• Effective July 1, 2019
• Provides menu planning flexibilities for milk, whole grain, and sodium requirements
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<td>• Retains Target 1 through SY 2023-2024</td>
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Professional Standards Flexibilities

• Effective April 30, 2019
• Added flexibilities to hiring standards for directors in small LEAs and for new State directors
• Expands the pool of candidates qualified to serve as leaders in the school nutrition programs
Looking Ahead: Proposed Rule

- Simplifying Meal Service and Monitoring Requirements in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs
- Included in the Spring 2019 Regulatory Agenda
- Deregulatory action
Food Crediting Guidance

Published April 2019
Newly Creditable Items

• Tempeh
• Popcorn
• Coconut
• Hominy
• Corn masa
• Surimi seafood
• Dried meat, poultry & seafood
• Pasta made from vegetable flours
Food Crediting Webinars

• Be in the Know! Food Crediting Webinars
• Recordings available: https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/crediting-updates-child-nutrition-programs-be-know-webinar-series
Summer Update
Looking Ahead: Proposed Rule

- Streamlining Program Requirements and Improving Integrity in the Summer Food Service Program
- Included in the Spring 2019 Regulatory Agenda
- Deregulatory action
Turnip the Beet! 2019 Gold Winners

- **California**: Redlands USD, South Bay USD, Victor Valley Union High School District
- **Indiana**: City of Indianapolis, Department of Parks and Recreation
- **Michigan**: Waterford School District
- **Mississippi**: Biloxi Public School District
- **North Dakota**: Tri-Valley Migrant Headstart
- **Oregon**: Kids Unlimited
- **Texas**: Hays CISD, Laredo ISD, Leander ISD, Magnolia ISD, Plano ISD
- **Virginia**: Staunton County
- **Wisconsin**: Stevens Point Area School District
Additional Resources & Reminders
Proposed delaying the “ounce equivalents” requirement for crediting grains in the CACFP to October 1, 2021

- Current implementation date: October 1, 2019

- Deadline to submit comments: July 31, 2019
Unpaid Meals Resources

- New in November 2018!
- One-pagers
- Talking points
- Donation template for excess lunch account balances
Updated Charter Schools Guidance

- Updated guidance to address FAQs from State and local Program operators
Transfer Eligibility at Provision Schools

- Effective July 1, 2019, if a student transfers from a Provision school to a non-Provision school in a different LEA, the receiving school must provide free meals for up to 10 operating days.
- States may allow LEAs to provide free meals for up to 30 operating days.
- Meals may be claimed at the free rate.
Donated Traditional Foods & Civil Liability

• 2018 Farm Bill expanded protection from liability in civil cases regarding the donation and service of traditional foods
  • Eliminated civil liability for States, counties, LEAs, and entities/persons authorized to facilitate the donation, storage, preparation, or serving of donated traditional foods
• Applies to food service programs that primarily serve Indians
Nutrition Education, Training and Technical Assistance

Alicia White, MS, RD
Team Nutrition Training Grants

State Grant Contacts & Summaries:
https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/fy2017-training-grants
FY 2019 Team Nutrition Training Grants

• 2 grant opportunities for States
• Focused on training programs for School Nutrition Professionals to improve knowledge, skills, and self-efficacy related to school meal quality
• Applications were due June 2, 2019
• Awards expected by September 2019
FY 2019 Team Nutrition Training Grant for Innovative State Training Programs

• These grants support States in expanding the reach of their existing training programs for School Nutrition Professionals

• Up to $700,000 per State grantee
FY 2019 Team Nutrition E-STAR Training Grant

• Provides funding for States to train school nutrition managers and frontline staff using the E-STAR training program

• E-STAR is an enhanced version of the Institute for Child Nutrition’s STAR training program

• Up to $2.5 Million per State grantee
Team Nutrition Schools

Team Nutrition School
Growing a healthier future

Search for your school

Team Nutrition School

Schools participating in the National School Lunch Program are invited to sign up as Team Nutrition Schools, and join an important network of schools working towards healthier school nutrition and physical activity environments. Today, almost half of the schools participating in the National School Lunch Program have signed up to be Team Nutrition Schools.

Find a Team Nutrition School
Join Team Nutrition Schools
Update Your Information
Help

https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/schools
Find and Update a Team Nutrition School

To find a Team Nutrition School, enter search terms such as Name, City, State, and Zip Code. After you click on Search, the results will appear below. If the school is listed, but information is outdated, click the "Update School" link and send us the updated information. If your school is not listed, try searching using just the zip code or State name. If your school is not a Team Nutrition School and would like to sign up, visit Join Team Nutrition Schools. If you need additional assistance, please email us at TeamNutrition@usda.gov

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Decal Sets

Stickers
Updated for SY 2019-2020

- Serving School Meals to Preschoolers
- A Guide to Smart Snacks in Schools
- Menu Planner for School Meals
Welcome to the Food Buying Guide

The Interactive Food Buying Guide allows for easy display, search, and navigation of food yield information. In addition, users can compare yield information, create a favorite foods list, and access tools, such as the Recipe Analysis Workbook (RAW) and the Product Formulation Statement Workbook.

- Food Items Search
- Exhibit A Grains Tool
- FBG Calculator
- Product Formulation Statement (PFS)
- Download Food Buying Guide
- Recipe Analysis Workbook (RAW)

New Food Yields Available

Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs (FBG)

Hands-on Practice and examples!

- Dried, Shelf-stable, Meat Snacks
- Coconut
- Hominy, Corn Masa, and Corn Flour
- Popcorn
- Surimi Seafood
- Tempeh
- Pasta Products made of Vegetable Flour

Register for upcoming webinars!

The first three webinar recordings are now posted!

Offer versus Serve Resources

#5formaxflavor

Select at least 3 food groups

Choose at least 1 fruit or vegetable

Choose 2 or more food groups

Pick at least 1 cup fruit and/or vegetable

Choose 3 or more food groups

Take at least 1/2 cup fruit and/or vegetable

1. Rice
2. Pasta
3. Quinoa
4. Whole grain

#5formaxflavor
Program Monitoring and Operational Support

Sarah Smith-Holmes, Director
In FY 2019, USDA has available $8.5 million available for ART Grants

This grant provides funding to State agencies to make technology improvements to decrease administrative errors for the school meal programs at the local level.
FY 2019 Child Nutrition Technology Grants

In FY 2019, USDA has $13 million available for Child Nutrition Technology Innovation Grant.

This grant provides funding for developing or improving current automated information systems used to operate and manage all of the Child Nutrition Programs – CACFP, Summer, and school meals.
SY 2019-20 Reimbursement Rates

School Year (SY) 2019-20 Reimbursement Rates for School Meals and CACFP are coming soon!!
Administrative Review 3-Year Review Cycle

Waiver Requests

Flexibility for the Administrative Review Cycle Requirement (SP 12-2019) Memo
The National School Lunch Act requires School Food Authorities to purchase domestic commodities or products “to the maximum extent practicable”

Buy American applies to any food and food products procured by School Food Authorities using the nonprofit food service account.
BUY AMERICAN PROVISION - Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018

• Requires the Secretary “to enforce full compliance” with the Buy American requirements in the NSLA and report to Congress on actions taken and planned.
BUY AMERICAN: SUPPORTING DOMESTIC AGRICULTURE IN SCHOOL MEALS

The BUY AMERICAN PROVISION supports the health and well-being of our Nation’s children, and supports the United States economy. American farmers, and small and local agricultural businesses. 7 CFR 210.3 (d) and Memo 58-SP-38, 2017.

School food authorities (SFAs) in the continental United States must purchase domestic agricultural commodities and food products. For foods that are processed, the agricultural commodities must be domestic, and for foods that are processed, they must be processed domestically using domestic agriculture food commodities that are comprised of over 91% domestic ingredients, by weight or volume. A domestic commodity food component is the portion that counts toward a reimbursable school meal (fruits, milk alternates, grains, vegetables, fruits, and fluid milk).

- Foods and food products of Guam, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Northern Mariana Islands are considered domestic.

How SFAs Can Buy American Foods
- Deviate means that includes only domestic foods and American’s food products. 
- Include the Buy American provision and Geographic Preference section in procurement documents, specifications in solicitations, and contracts for food to ensure in prior contractor performance.
- Require suppliers to certify that their food products are either 100% domestic commodities or a food product containing over 91% domestic food components, by weight or volume.
- Use USDA Foods and food products procured in the United States using USDA Foods.
- Participate in Farm to School!

Exceptions to Buy American
- There are two limited exceptions when non-domestic foods may be purchased. These exceptions are determined by the SPA:
  - The food or food product is not produced or manufactured in the U.S. and the volume is sufficient and reasonably available quantities of a satisfactory quality; or
  - Competitive bids were not received for a U.S. food or food product significantly higher than the non-domestic product.

REMEMBER: Document exceptions and keep records!

The agricultural food product must be:
1. Processed in the U.S., and
2. Of the commodities food component, or
3. 91% must by domestic, by weight or volume.

Applicable in PRePA and non-PrePA foods.

Buy American applies.

A documented exception is permitted for non-domestically agricultural commodity food product may be purchased.

This is an agricultural commodity (e.g., supermarket).

Agricultural Commodities must be produced in the U.S.

In either of the exceptions apply?

Do competitive bids received for a U.S. food or food product significantly higher than the non-domestic product?

Buy American does not apply.

In either of the exceptions apply?

Does the agricultural commodity or food product contained or reconstituted in the U.S. meet the requirements defined in a satisfactory quality?

In either of the exceptions apply?

Was the agricultural commodity or food product purchased using the exempted school food service account?
Request for Information (RFI)

• RFI on the **Serious Deficiency Process** in the Child and Adult Care Food Program published May 17th

• Comment period is open until **August 15, 2019**

• We want to hear from you!
Q&A