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07.17.15 Federal Register Notice: New NSLP, SBP, and CACFP Reimbursement Rates and Donated Foods Value

The USDA has released new reimbursement rates for the [National School Lunch Program \(NSLP\)](#), [School Breakfast Program \(SBP\)](#), and the [Child and Adult Care Food Program \(CACFP\)](#). The USDA also released the new value of [USDA donated foods](#). The new rates apply to School Year 2015-16 and are effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Click on the links to see the exact rate adjustments.

07.16.15 Traditional Foods in Child Nutrition Programs

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) understands the importance of serving traditional foods and encourages Indian Tribal Organizations, along with all operators of CNPs, to source locally grown and raised foods. The purpose of [this memorandum](#) is to clarify that traditional foods may be served in CNPs and to provide examples of how several traditional foods may contribute towards a reimbursable meal.

07.10.15 New Edition of Eligibility Manual for School Meals

In [this memorandum](#), the USDA announced the release of the July 2015 version of the Eligibility Manual for School Meals. Major changes and clarifications are highlighted throughout the manual. The USDA provides an [un-highlighted](#) and [highlighted](#) version of the eligibility manual. Consistent with previous years, the highlighted version will be removed after three months and the un-highlighted version will remain available for use.

06.26.15 Q&A's for the Professional Standards Final Rule

[This memorandum](#) contains Q&A in follow up to the Professional Standards final rule published on March 2, 2015. For more guidance on planning training for school nutrition operators, download SNA's newly updated [Professional Standards Training Guidelines](#). SNA will continue to keep you apprised of updates on USDA Professional Standards.



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