



School Nutrition Programs

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This weekly newsletter from the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) is dedicated to providing education, training, and technical assistance opportunities to school nutrition professionals, helping to ensure seamless operations for those participating in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Child Nutrition Programs. If you are the food service contact for your school or facility, please be certain that everyone on your team has access to this important information.

Tip of the Week

Breakfast Notification

Sponsors who operate the School Breakfast Program are required to send notification of breakfast service multiple times throughout the year. Promotion should include the location and times of breakfast and can be done through social media posts, newsletter articles, on TV screens around the school, school announcements, etc. Sponsors must save proof of the notification for Administrative Review purposes. Find breakfast promotional graphics in the [Marketing Resources for Sponsors](#) shared folder under General Promotions.

Important Updates

CNPweb Now Available

CNPweb is now open! Child Nutrition Program sponsors can access the database using their same username and password. However, the web address for the site has changed to cnp.doe.in.gov/Login. The former site address will forward only for a short time, so please update bookmarked links with the new address as soon as possible.

If you have autofill or password manager features enabled on your web browser, it may not pull to the new web address. The local CNPweb administrator can look up User ID information through their login. If you forget your password, please follow the 'Forgot Password?' link at the bottom of the login page. Continued issues with access can be submitted to the [CNPweb Help Form](#).

Work-Based Learning Resources

As the new high school diploma requirements come into play for students entering high school this year, school nutrition departments may be asked to accommodate students seeking work-based learning opportunities. The Employment, Employment Plus, and the Enrollment Plus honors seals require students to obtain work-based learning experience. There are two types of work-based learning options. The first is project based learning in the form of a micro-internship (25 hours) and the other is a full internship opportunity (75 hours).

Work-based learning is not limited to making and serving food. Perhaps you have a student interested in mathematics who could conduct a food waste survey and calculate the monetary loss of uneaten food, or another interested in marketing who could create some graphics or other promotional materials. See the resources below for more information and ideas.

- [Project-Based Micro-Internship Ideas](#)
- [Work-Based Learning Internship in School Nutrition](#)
- [Internship Agreement](#)
- [Kitchen Manager Resources for Work-Based Learning](#)

Recertifying for the Food Distribution Program and USDA Foods

Your school's SNP application must be in pending approval before you can be approved for FDP.

Login to [CNPweb](#) and go to FDP.

- Read the update and message screen, then scroll to the bottom and click "continue."
- Click "Program Year 2026" in the upper right corner.
- Go to the applications tab and then click the "Edit" link.
- Verify and/or update the address and contact information.
- Ensure that a 24-hour access phone number (such as a mobile phone number) is entered.
- Scroll down to box 29 in the verification section and place a checkmark in the box.
- Click the submit button and your account should be pending approval.
- IDOE will approve your account if all requirements are met.

If your account has the following message, *"You do not currently have a NSLP information sheet for Program Year 2026 in a Pending Approval or Approved status. You must complete the enrollment process for the National School Lunch Program before your FDP information sheet can be Certified and Approved,"* your school still has tasks that need to be completed under SNP.

Farm to School

Food Day Toolkit Release

The final Food Day Toolkit of 2025 has been released. This resource focuses on lessons and activities about corn. Activities are designed for use in both the cafeteria and classroom! Toolkits can be accessed [here](#). If you have not, [register](#) today!

Food Day Success Assistance

Planning your Food Day or Apple Crunch event and need additional help? Whether it is shucking corn, chopping apples, taking photos, providing an educational lesson, manning a taste test booth, or setting up decorations, we are here for you! Email F2S@doe.in.gov to request help.

Food Day Popcorn Webinar Featuring Burlington Grain and Produce Company

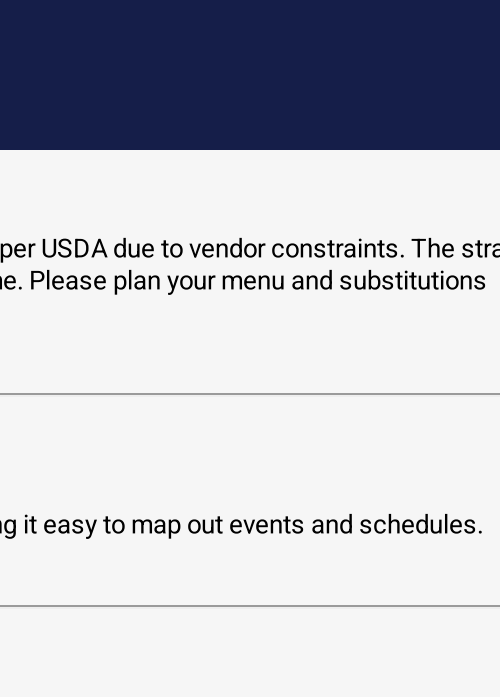
Indiana is one of the top producers of popcorn in the country. Consider celebrating Food Day with popcorn! One local popcorn producer is Burlington Grain and Produce Company in Burlington, Indiana. Tune into a webinar on Wednesday, September 10, at 3:30 p.m. ET to learn about their popcorn and how it can be incorporated into the [Get Popping](#) lesson on the Ag in the Classroom Indiana Curriculum Matrix. Perfect for teachers, school nutrition teams, and community partners looking for a fun, hands-on way to connect students with Indiana agriculture. [Register](#) today!

Want to learn about other popcorn producers in Indiana? Visit the [Indiana Grown for Schools Buyer's Guide](#) and enter "popcorn" in the search field to find more local producers.

Know a producer or farm that would like to be featured by the Indiana Grown Food Network? Contact us at F2S@doe.in.gov.

School Highlight

Sheridan Community School Food Service Department created a school garden this summer. They are participating in [Indiana Food Day](#) and planted corn to celebrate. They also planted tomatoes, cucumbers, basil, green peppers, jalapeños, green beans, rosemary, and lettuce. This produce will be served on salad bars, with grab-and-go sandwiches, and in main entrees.



USDA Foods

Frozen Strawberry Cups Cancelled in 2026

Frozen strawberry cups 100256 have been cancelled from January to April 2026 per USDA due to vendor constraints. The strawberry cups scheduled for September to December 2025 will not be affected at this time. Please plan your menu and substitutions accordingly.

Food Distribution Program Year at a Glance Calendar

Our [Year At-A-Glance Calendar](#) offers school year reminders on one page, making it easy to map out events and schedules.

Updated Processing Companies and Manufacturers Broker's List

Do you need to contact your processing company brokers? Here's the link to the [Processing Brokers and Manufacturers List](#). This list contains Broker contact information and the corresponding companies they represent.

Direct Delivered (Brown Box) USDA Foods

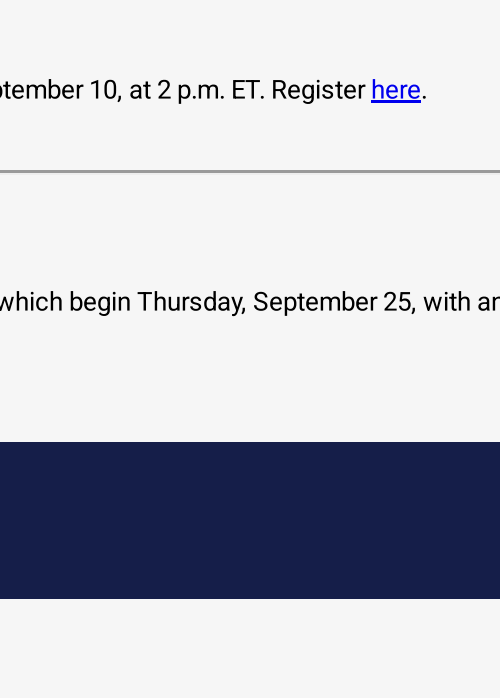
IDOE will notify schools via this newsletter when the Food Distribution Program (FDP) opens in CNPweb.

Department of Defense (DoD) Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program Funds

DoD allocations and sites have been entered into the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Order Receipt System ([FFAVORS](#)). Schools must complete the e-Authentication process by creating a [FFAVORS](#) account if not previously done. Following this action, the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) will create a profile in order for the school to begin placing produce orders. As a reminder, schools must enter their Department of Defense (DoD) Program receipts into the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Order Receipt System ([FFAVORS](#)) within two calendar days after the produce is delivered to your school.

USDA Foods Recipes

Use your USDA Foods frozen [blueberries](#) for this [berry cornmeal muffins](#) recipe. This recipe may need to be adjusted to meet serving sizes and meal patterns.



Procurement

New Resources

There are several new and updated documents for procurement. Visit our procurement website, [here](#). Ensure that the SFA is completing forms that explicitly state that the FSMC should not complete them.

Training and Webinar Opportunities

Back to School Reminders

Join IDOE as we review back to school reminders and updates. Wednesday, September 10, at 2 p.m. ET. Register [here](#).

Virtual Culinary Skills for A+ School Meals

Virtual culinary skills workshops are back! View the current line up of sessions, which begin Thursday, September 25, with an Indiana Food Day themed presentation. Register [here](#).

Reminders

New and Updated Resources

- Updated: [Claim Due Dates](#), for program year 2026. This resource can also be found in CNPweb under the Help option.
- New: [Product-Based Added Sugars](#) one page fact sheet.
- New: [Policy 2025-02](#) CNPweb Access for Institutions and Food Service Management Companies

Annual Financial Report (AFR) Due Date Extended

Due to the CNPweb downtime next week, the AFR due date has been extended from Monday, September 1, to Friday, September 5. Please have your AFR submitted by the due date to avoid a possible hold on claims payments.

Updates from Our Partners

American Dairy Association Fuel Up Milk Poster Giveaway

Fuel Up launched a Milk Poster Contest beginning Monday, August 19, through Friday, September 5. These vibrant, student-friendly milk posters were designed to promote milk's benefits - growth, strength, and focus - right where students choose their meals! Each school in a district can submit a set of 3 posters. First come, first served. See the [Fuel Up flyer](#) for more information.

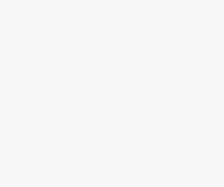
Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) August STAR Webinar

Keeping School Meals Safe for All Students: Allergy and Hygiene Awareness.

Serving safe and nutritious meals is at the heart of every school nutrition program. For students with food allergies, however, it's not just about nutrition - it's about safety. This STAR webinar will share school nutrition professionals' practical tips and tools they utilize to prevent cross-contact, reinforce personal hygiene, and create a culture of food safety in every cafeteria. Join us on Thursday, August 28, at 3 p.m. ET. Register [here](#).

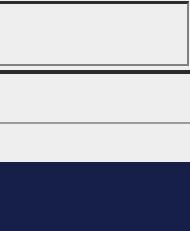
Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) Seeks Panelists

Are you looking for a way to highlight the work your school nutrition staff accomplishes? Do you want to share strategies and good practices that your team has adopted to sustain your program? ICN is currently seeking panelists for the fall series of STAR Webinars. The September topic is Farm to School: Tips for Increasing Locally Grown or Raised Food Options, October is Best Practices for Crafting Cycle Menus, and November is Strategies to Reduce Food Waste in Schools. The STAR webinars are held on the last Thursday of each month from 2 to 3 p.m. CT. Complete the interest form [here](#).



Additional Resources

[School Nutrition Programs Calendar](#)
[IDOE's Nutrition Webpage](#)
[CNPweb](#)



Upcoming Dates

Thursday, August 28, at 10 a.m. ET	Indiana Food Code Changes webinar (repeat)
Friday, August 29	Final June Claims Due Date
Friday, September 5	Annual Financial Report Due Date
Wednesday, September 10	Back to School Updates and Reminders Webinar