



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...

Tip of the Week

Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) School Nutrition Programs Newsletter Archive

Miss a newsletter? Bookmark IDOE's newsletter webpage to access past School Nutrition Programs emails and refer to past newsletter guidance.

Important Updates

Annual Procurement Training Requirement

Per 7 CFR 210.21(h), School Food Authority (SFA) directors, management, and staff directly involved with procurement are required to take annual procurement training...

2025-2026 School Year Food Service Provider Survey

Some food dyes and additives have been linked to potential health concerns in children, such as behavioral issues, hyperactivity, and inattention. As Indiana continues to prioritize the health and safety of all Hoosier students...

National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) Scrapbook Submissions

Did your school plan something special for NSBW? We want to see how you celebrated! If you would like to be featured in our 2026 NSBW Scrapbook, please email submissions to Annie Tuszynski...

USDA Foods

PrimeroEdge Catalogs Are Now Closed

The PrimeroEdge Catalogs are closed as of Friday, March 6. The next opportunity for SFAs to request USDA Foods will be in spring 2027 for the 2027-2028 school year.

The End of the School Year is Near

The end of the school year is just around the corner. Now is the time to review your school's USDA Foods inventory and place orders to have them delivered to your school.

- Check direct delivered inventory at the state assigned warehouse listed in CNPweb, the processing companies for bulk pounds by accessing the commodity tracking websites, K12 Foodservice and ProcessorLink...
Direct delivered and Department of Defense Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program (DoD Fresh) funds remaining after Tuesday, June 30, will not roll over to school year 2026-2027.
Processor pounds remaining after Tuesday, June 30, carryover to school year 2026-2027.
Allocations for direct delivered USDA Foods end Thursday, April 30.

Direct Delivery "Order By" Reminder

As a reminder, schools must place USDA Foods Direct Delivery (Brown Box) orders in CNPweb by 10 a.m. ET the Monday of the week prior to the delivery period that your school would like to receive the delivery.

USDA Foods Cancellations for SY 2025-2026

- 100124 Turkey Chilled - Bulk (March 2026)
100256 Frozen Strawberry Cups (January - September 2026)
100309 Canned Carrots (Entire School Year)
111900 Turkey Breast Deli (January - June 2026)

USDA Foods Recipe Ideas

Looking for recipes to use your USDA Foods? Check out these resources:

- Recipes for Healthy Kids
Recipes for Schools - Child Nutrition Recipe Box
Team Nutrition Recipes

Procurement

Procurement Information

Do you have questions about procurement click here or contact the SCN Procurement mailbox for assistance.

Training and Webinar Opportunities

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) In-Person Training Sessions Starting Soon

Spring is the training and preparation season for all school food authorities planning to operate the SFSP this summer. Participating in one of the IDOE trainings is an annual federal requirement for all SFSP sponsors.

Webinars

Stay tuned for more live webinars coming soon! Click here to register for any upcoming webinars and read more about what is being offered.

If there is a specific topic you would like to be covered, fill out this form to let us know!

Reminders

Updates to the Food Buying Guide

Updates are frequently made to USDA's Food Buying Guide, so it is important to regularly check the food items that you menu. See below for foods with recently updated yields.

- Bok Choy
Frozen Dragon Fruit (Pitaya)
Ground Elk
Canned Hearts of Palm
Fresh Mussels
Shredded Romaine Lettuce
Canned Jackfruit
Pouched Jackfruit

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) School Year 2026-2027 Applications for New Sites

The 2026-2027 FFVP application is now open for new sites. FFVP is a cost-reimbursable grant available to elementary schools (grades K-6) to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to students during the school day...

Access the application for new sites here: 2026-2027 FFVP Application. Individual applications must be submitted for each new site. If you want to plan out your responses, access the application planning sheet by clicking here...

We Need Your Feedback Regarding USDA Foods Recipes!

IDOE is requesting feedback from School Food Authorities (SFAs) regarding recipes. We are asking school food professionals to complete this short survey. The survey closes on Friday, March 27.

Updates from Our Partners

School Nutrition Association (SNA) Professional Development Scholarships

SNA members who are currently enrolled, or will soon be enrolled, in a program to obtain either a vocational/technical, undergraduate, graduate, or post-graduate degree are eligible to apply for up to \$5000 in scholarships.

School Nutrition Association (SNA) Training Zone

SNA offers a wide array of educational content through the SNA Training Zone to help school nutrition professionals earn continuing education units (CEUs) and achieve your professional goals!

Upcoming Dates



Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. Rows include: Friday, March 13 - NSBW Scrapbook Submissions Due; Monday, March 16 - SFSP In-Person Training Begins; Friday, March 27 - USDA Recipes Survey Closes; Wednesday, April 1 - Final Due Date for January 2026 Claims; Friday, April 3 - 2025-2027 Food Service Provider Survey Due; Friday, April 17 - FFVP Applications for SY 26-27 Due.

Additional Resources

- School Nutrition Programs Calendar
IDOE's Nutrition Webpage
CNPweb

