



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

Record Keeping

The end of the school year is the best time to pull together records and documentation that need to be filed together and retained for multiple years.

Important Updates

Open Field Specialist Position

Interested in joining the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) team? IDOE's Office of School and Community Nutrition has an open field specialist position to cover southwest Indiana.

USDA School Food Authority (SFA) 2025-2026 National School Lunch Program (NSLP) Survey

Next week, SFAs will receive a survey from USDA, which seeks to collect critical information on current challenges faced by SFAs, including those related to school food procurement and program administration.

Culinary Skills for A+ School Meals Registration is Open

School nutrition standards require SFAs to offer more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. At the same time, students demand tastier, fresher, and more contemporary menu items.

This training is a five-day workshop that is offered at several locations across the state. For more information and to register for this FREE training, click here.

Farm to School

Food Day Registration Now Open

We are excited to announce that we will be celebrating tomatoes for Indiana Food Day 2026! We pick the item; you pick how and when you celebrate.

Composting and Compost Education in Schools

Interested in learning more about compost and how your schools might take steps towards teaching kids about a circular food system? Join us for our upcoming webinar, Composting and Compost Education in Schools.

USDA Foods

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.

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

Spring Webinars

Check out our upcoming webinar list here, as new events are added regularly. Three new webinars are scheduled for April.

- Local Wellness Policies - Thursday, April 16, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. ET
Preparation for the Annual Financial Report - Tuesday, April 21, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. ET
Direct Certification for the Community Eligibility Provision Application - Thursday, April 23, from 10 to 11a.m. ET

If there is a specific topic you would like to see covered, let us know by filling out this form!

Reminders

2026 National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) Scrapbook

Two weeks ago, schools all across the country celebrated NSBW, and Indiana really dove into this year's Quest for School Breakfast. From pop-up coffee carts, to special unicorn parfaits, Indiana schools went all out to make this celebration extra fun for their students.

Updates from Our Partners

No Kid Hungry Summer Meals Webinar Series

Beginning Friday, March 27, No Kid Hungry is offering a webinar series to help sponsors take their summer meal programs to the next level.

Grants Available from the American Dairy Association Indiana (ADAI)

ADAI offers several grant opportunities aimed at supporting schools' efforts to serve dairy products to students. This includes providing coolers to serve milk to student athletes after practice and games, a mobile meal cart for build-your-own yogurt parfaits, and \$500 towards starting a Performance Pack Program.

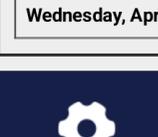
Indiana Grown Recognition Program

Does your school participate in Farm to School programs? Apply for the Indiana Grown Recognition Program to highlight your work in the three Farm to School focus areas: agriculture and nutrition education, school gardens, and local procurement.

Upcoming Dates



Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. Rows include: 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; Wednesday, April 29 - Final Due Date for February Claim



Additional Resources

- School Nutrition Programs Calendar
IDOE's Nutrition Webpage
CNPweb