

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



CHILD AND ADULT CARE

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Food Program

July 2026 Monthly Newsletter

July 2026 Community Call!

Dear CACFP Operators:

Please join the Texas Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition team for a Community Call on **Monday, July 27 at 1:30 p.m.** [Click here](#) to join the meeting for the latest TDA updates related to policy, training, community operations, and more.

New! Child Nutrition Programs Food Industry Toolkit

The new USDA child nutrition programs [Food Industry Toolkit](#) provides a consolidated page of Team Nutrition resources dedicated to our food industry partners. These resources support food products available to organizations operating school meal programs, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, and the Summer Food Service Program. Resources are grouped by topic, including child nutrition (CN) labels, Product Formulation Statements, crediting, and more. Ideal for orienting new food industry staff and refreshing existing partners, this toolkit aims to provide all relevant resources in one place and reduce the time needed to access information that supports USDA's child nutrition programs.

REVISED: Re-released Meal Production Record for CACFP Child Care Centers (H1530)

On June 8, TDA updated the Child Care Center Meal Production Record (H1530) to reflect the expanded milk choice options for children ages 2 and up as described in Final Rule - Expanding Fluid Milk Options in Child Nutrition Programs. The form included fields that allowed sites to specifically list the amount of milk prepared by type, enabling sponsors to better assess the milk

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[SquareMeals Resource Update](#)

The "**Industry Resources**" and "**Public Resources**" buttons have been moved on the **SquareMeals** homepage. When putting your cursor on the **Resources** tab located on the website header, a drop down menu will appear and both buttons will be accessible.

A new "Program Year Calendar" button has also been added to the website's header page so that it is easier to navigate and view when visiting SquareMeals

The screenshot displays the Texas Department of Agriculture website. At the top, the header includes the Texas Department of Agriculture logo, the text "TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE" and "COMMISSIONER SID MILLER", a search bar, and a font size selector. A navigation menu is visible with links: Home, About, News, Programs, Resources, Program Year Calendar, and FAQ. The "Resources" link is highlighted with a green box, and a dropdown menu is shown with options: F&N Public Resources, Industry Resources, and Program Year Calendar. Below the navigation bar is a large banner for the "FOOD AND NUTRITION" division, featuring the text "3E'S OF HEALTHY LIVING" and "EDUCATION, EXERCISE AND EATING RIGHT". The banner also includes the word "Division" in a large, stylized font. Below the banner, the page is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "Headlines" and features a headline titled "New Milk Flexibilities Now Available for School Lunches" with a sub-headline "On January 14, 2026, the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act of 2025 was signed into law, providing new milk options and service flexibilities in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), including options for schools to serve whole milk, 2% milk, and nutritionally equivalent non-dairy beverages, and exemptions for calculating saturated fats in fluid milk." The right column is titled "Nutrition Assistance Programs" and lists several programs: Child and Adult Care Food Program, Commodity Supplemental Food Program, The Emergency Food Assistance Program, Farmers Market Nutrition Program, and Food Assistance for Disaster Relief. The bottom of the page shows a Windows taskbar with a search bar and various application icons.

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Nutrition Assistance Programs

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- Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program
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