January 2022 Monthly Newsletter

Events, Trainings and Resources

Holiday Season Winter Produce
Check out these winter fruits and vegetables that are available in the southern, central, and northern regions of Texas. Get the latest information on the availability and best practices for selling these seasonal favorites.

New 2022 Regulatory Calendar Event
Join TSD for this meeting engage government in Austin. Day 2! You’ll get updates on regulations and policies, listen to your peers, and network with Texas agriculture leaders and non-agriculture stakeholders. The event will cover topics on regulations, compliance, and emerging issues.

New CACFP Manuals for a New Year
Here’s how CACFP operators can use different training and education materials.

National CACFP Week is Coming Soon!
Celebrate the National CACFP Week (Feb 1-5)! This week is a chance to connect the community with the important mission of providing quality meals to the young and the elderly.

New Feature Alert for the Food Buying Guide Interactive Web Based Tool
Teams issued is excited to announce that users can now vet the meal pattern component for each program component in the National CACFP program and appropriate group using the FBG calculator. This feature allows for easy access to help providers meet federal guidelines in creating shopping lists.

Upcoming Texas Administrative Code rule
The Texas Department of Agriculture has completed the rulemaking process for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). This is an excellent opportunity for stakeholders to participate in the rulemaking process.

New Team Nutrition Meal Kit in the CACFP Data Portal
LEDA’s Team Nutrition initiative is proud to announce the release of the meal kit in the CACFP Data Portal. The meal kit provides an easy way to support the nutrition program for all child and adult care facilities.

New Limited English Proficiency (LEP) tool
The U.S. Department of Justice’s Federal Title VI Interagency Working Group (IWG) – Limited English Proficiency Committee has developed an app to improve access to websites and digital platforms. The app focuses on the importance of accessibility for individuals with limited English proficiency.

Food Safety
Proper storing of food is very important in maintaining quality and safety. Here are some tips on how to store food properly.

Compliance Reminders
New feature alert for the Food Buying Guide Interactive Web Based Tool
Texas Department of Agriculture has made significant changes to the Food Buying Guide (FBG) calculator. The new calculator provides a more user-friendly experience and includes improvements such as easier access and improved accuracy.

Make sure you read every monthly newsletter for important information, opportunities and events!