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June 2022 Monthly Newsletter

Events, Trainings and Resources

[Edible School Gardens](#)

Webinars are available if you're looking to start a garden. Also subscribe to The Dirt, a newsletter from USDA FNS's Farm to School Program



[Now Available! Nutrient Analysis Protocols](#)

The Nutrient Analysis Protocols: How to Analyze Menus for USDA's School Meals Programs (NAP Manual) assists the school nutrition professional with the process of obtaining an accurate nutrient analysis of menus using a USDA-approved software program.

[Summer Outreach Materials - Order Today!](#)

The Summer Meal Programs provide healthy and nutritious meals after the school year ends to children 18 years and younger and enrolled students with disabilities up to 21 years old. The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) has developed no-cost, online resources and printed materials you can use to promote the availability of these meals for families in need. Please visit www.SummerFood.org/OutreachTools to order no-cost, print materials today!

[School-Meal Communications Resources Coming Soon](#)

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is developing resources schools can use to communicate with families about free, reduced-price, and paid school meals. Before the 2022-2023 school year begins, TDA will make informational handouts, posters, web illustrations and more available on SquareMeals.org. Look for resources online in July 2022. Widespread communication about school-meal changes will be key to ensuring young Texans have the nutrition they need to succeed in the coming school year.

[Now Available: Updated "A Guide to Smart Snacks in School"](#)

USDA's Team Nutrition initiative is pleased to announce the release of the updated "A Guide to Smart Snacks in School." This publication is designed for anyone who sells foods or drinks to students outside of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP) on the school campus during the school day.

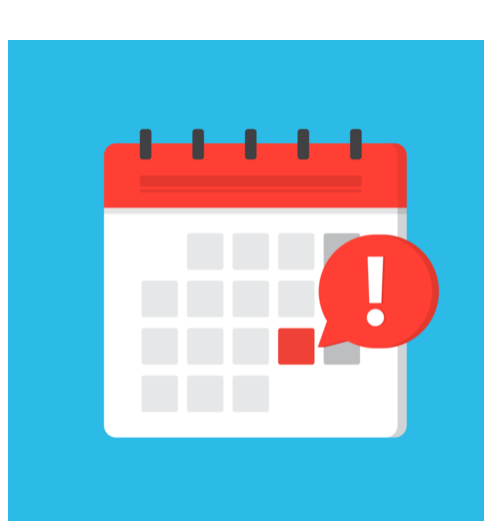
Deadlines

[Review This Month's Program Calendar Due Dates](#)

For upcoming deadlines, see the Program Year Calendar.

[Claim Deadline Reminder](#)

April and May claims are due. Claim deadline for April is June 29th. Don't delay, submit claims timely!



Policy Updates and Compliance Reminders

[Paid Lunch Equity Update](#)

The 2022-2023 Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) tool was posted to SquareMeals on May 24. Additionally, USDA has announced new PLE flexibilities for SY 2022-2023.



[Universal Breakfast Program Waivers](#)

The Universal Breakfast Program Waiver application closes on July 1.

[Civil Rights Training Migrating to ICN](#)

Effective May 15, 2022, the annual Civil Rights training that meets USDA Child Nutrition Program requirements as mandated in FNS Instruction 113-1 will be provided through the Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) rather than TDA. New users must register with ICN, and ICN will issue completion certificates. Starting May 15, links to the online training and instructions for taking ICN classes can be found [here](#).

[Updated Nondiscrimination Statement](#)

The Nondiscrimination Statement required on all public-facing Program materials has recently been updated to account for a recent court decision determining that the prohibition of discrimination based on sex in Title IX and the Food and Nutrition Act includes gender identity and sexual orientation.

[Additional Day School Year Calendar Policy Update](#)

TDA is modifying its policy on serving NSLP/SBP meals on additional school days included as part of an Additional Day School Year (ADSY) calendar. Schools can serve NSLP/SBP meals if curriculum, attendance, and communication meet specific conditions on those days.

[Availability of COVID-19 Response Waivers](#)

TDA has been authorized to approve non-congregate, meal service time, parent pick-up, and offsite monitoring waivers on a case-by-case basis in instances when a COVID-19 outbreak in or around the area of a site is affecting food service operations.

[Local Wellness Policy \(LWP\) Triennial Assessment Extension](#)

TDA was given the discretion to allow NSLP/SBP CEs to complete their first triennial Local Wellness Policy assessment by June 30, 2023. CEs electing to use the new deadline must inform TDA by July 15, 2022.

[RELEASE: Excess Net Cash Resources Plan – NEW UPDATES](#)

Updates to the new Excess Net Cash Resources Plan form (formerly known as the Plan for Reducing an Excessive Operating Fund Balance) were released.

[30-Day Carryover Eligibility in School Year 2022-2023](#)

Schools that operated the Seamless Summer Option in School Year 2021-2022 will be permitted to use a prior year's data for 30-day carryover, depending on how or if they processed household applications in SY 2021-2022 or SY 2020-2021.

[Updated School Data Report and New Area Eligibility Flexibilities](#)

TDA has updated the 2021-2022 School Data Report for Area Eligibility to account for new flexibilities available to Contracting Entities that operated the Seamless Summer Option during SY 2021-2022.

[SSO Claim for the month during transition to regular SSO](#)

For ISDs where the school year SSO transitions to the normal summer SSO within the same month, one combined claim may be filed for that month.

[RELEASE: School Meal Household Applications and Media Release Prototypes - English Version](#)

The NSLP/SMP household applications for School Year 2022 -2023 were released in English. Spanish versions are coming soon.

Monthly Highlights

[Congrats to our Establishing 3E's grantees](#)

Establishing 3E's grant recipients attended MegaCon to showcase their projects. [Click here](#) for an image of all our great grantee representatives at 2022 MegaCon.



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