

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



SUMMER MEAL

3E'S OF HEALTHY LIVING
EDUCATION, EXERCISE AND EATING RIGHT

Programs

August 2022 Monthly Newsletter

Events, Trainings and Resources

Last Call for Summer Outreach Materials - Order Today!

This is the last call for approved sites and sponsors to place orders for no-cost summer materials. Please visit www.SummerFood.org/OutreachTools to order today!

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FOR KIDS**

Child Nutrition Photo Collection Access

Update your training materials or media campaigns with professional photos from Team Nutrition's photo albums. Team Nutrition's photo collection now includes 350 original photographs that can be used in nutrition education and training materials for CACFP operators. Photo albums that might be especially useful for the CACFP include Food Portions, Child Care Recipes, Handwashing, and Infant Nutrition. For school nutrition programs there are albums for school breakfast, school lunch and smart snacks.

Now Available! Tip Sheet on Crediting Meats/Meat Alternates in Child Nutrition Programs!

This handy reference for Program operators across all Child Nutrition Programs (CNPs) is a simple and easy-to-use resource that highlights the basics of crediting for the meats/meat alternates component.

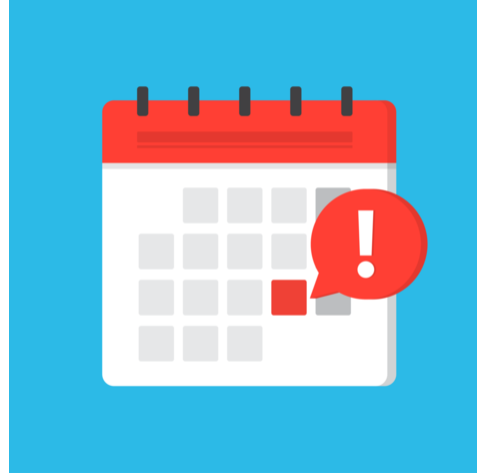
Deadlines

Review This Month's Program Calendar Due Dates!

For upcoming deadlines, see the Program Year Calendar.

Claim Deadline Reminder

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



Policy Updates and Compliance Reminders

TX-UNPS FDP Upgrade: Demos & Account Access

WBSCM training begins October 2022 for Recipient Agencies (aka CEs) in the pilot group. To prepare, TDA is collecting account access information and hosting a series of short WBSCM demos in August and September.



Program Updates

Click on the title above for program updates.

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](#).

RELEASE: New Resource for Collecting Ethnic/Racial Data at Open Sites

TDA has developed a new resource to collect racial/ethnic data of Program participants at open sites. This new resource aligns with the best practices and guidance provided by USDA in recent guidance and provided in TDA's Frequently Asked Questions documents.

Monthly Highlights

2022 Turnip the Beet Recognition Award

The Turnip the Beet Award recognizes outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors across the nation who work hard to offer high quality meals to children that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious during the summer months. For more resources, including 2022 Nomination Form, Turnip the Beet Resource Guide, and deadlines, visit TDA's Turnip the Beet page.

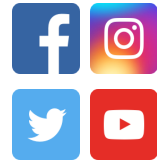


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