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[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.

[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 to and view the Program Year Calendar.



- F&N Public Resources
- Industry Resources
- Program Year Calendar

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Headlines

New Milk Flexibilities Now Available for School Lunches

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.

Nutrition Assistance Programs

- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program
- Farmers Market Nutrition Program
- Food Assistance for Disaster Relief



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