

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

# SUMMER MEAL

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## July 2023 Monthly Newsletter

### 2023 Turnip the Beet!

The Turnip the Beet Award recognizes outstanding Summer Meal Programs across the nation that work hard to offer high-quality meals to children that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious! Use TDA's Application Tips to learn how you can earn national recognition. Visit [SquareMeals.org/turnipthebeet](https://SquareMeals.org/turnipthebeet) for the tips and more information. The submission deadline is September 1, 2023.



### CACFP and SFSP Invitation for Bid (IFB) Prototypes Updated

The Invitation for Bid (IFB) prototypes for both CACFP and SFSP were updated to include full Civil Rights assurance statements from FNS Instruction 113-1. Additionally, in accordance with 7 CFR Part 225.6(l)(7), the SFSP IFBs added that either party could terminate the contract for convenience with a 60-day advance notification.

[The CACFP IFB prototypes can be found here.](#)

### MENU Module Not Supported after August 31

TDA will not support MENU Module after August 31, 2023. Find MENU Module Q&A document for offboarding and options for CEs after contract period ends on [www.Squaremeals.org/MENUmodule](https://www.Squaremeals.org/MENUmodule). Please send any additional questions to your regional Education Service Center.

### New SFSP Resources and Forms Released

The following forms and resources have been added to the [Summer Meals Administration and Forms page](#).

- Participant Notification Templates for Closed Enrolled Sites (area eligible and non-area eligible) and Camp Sites

- Prototype Household Application for Closed Enrolled and Camp sites (can be printed or used as fillable PDF)
- Sample First Two Weeks Site Visit Form
- Sample Site Review Form

Please review the recently updated FAQs to learn more about how these resources should be used. TDA is in the process of updating the SFSP Supplemental Guide to include these resources.

### **SquareMeals COVID-19 Page Retired**

With the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency, TDA has retired its dedicated COVID-19 page. Materials and resources (for example, FAQs and webinar links) have been moved to other locations.

### **Test Your Nutrition Knowledge!**

Test your knowledge by taking fun quizzes from Team Nutrition! Are you an expert on School Breakfast, Whole Grains, or Child Nutrition Labels? Test your skills [here](#)! You can also access the quizzes in the [NSLP Training Resources](#) section on SquareMeals.org.

### **Remaining COVID-19 Flexibilities and Keep Kids Fed Act Provisions Expired June 30, 2023**

All waivers and flexibilities associated with the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and the Keep Kids Fed Act (KKFA) of 2022 expired June 30, 2023. These include the end of higher KKFA reimbursement rates, the end of area eligibility waivers for Tier II day care home providers, waivers of onsite monitoring requirements, non-congregate flexibilities tied to COVID-19 outbreaks, Local Wellness Policy triennial assessment deadline extensions, and TDA's discretion to not issue fiscal action in the event of a supply chain disruption.



### **MegaCon Presentations and Handouts on SquareMeals**

Presentation slides and resources from the MegaCon sessions are now available [here](#) on SquareMeals. Use the link to access these materials and provide valuable feedback.

### **Now Available! MegaCon Special Diets Presentation Resources**

Special Diet presentation slides and resources curated from the MegaCon classes are now available on SquareMeals for NSLP and CACFP. See the links below:

- [MegaCon Special Diets Presentation Slides](#)
  - [NSLP Special Diet Handout](#) (under Training Resources header) includes resources, trainings, and recipes.
  - [NSLP Special Diet Swap](#) (under Meal Planning Resources header) includes menu planning activity with answer sheet.
  - [CACFP Special Diet Handout](#) (under Training Resources header) includes resources, trainings, and recipes
  - [CACFP Special Diet Swap](#) (under Menu Planning header) includes menu planning activity with answer sheet.
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# Policy Updates and Compliance Reminders



## And Justice for All Poster

Updated April 14, 2023 - USDA has recently released guidance regarding the AJFA posters. Currently, USDA is working with TDA and will provide newly printed AJFA posters later this year. TDA is working on a statewide distribution plan and will communicate to all CEs when posters are available and being sent to your CE locations to be distributed to your sites.

In the meantime, locally printed paper copies of AJFA posters may be substituted as necessary. [Please click here to download USDA's AJFA poster.](#)

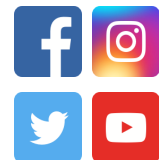
Please keep the older version of the AJFA posters up until new ones are distributed to CEs by TDA.

## Updates to Civil Rights Nondiscrimination Statement

The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has updated the required Nondiscrimination Statement on their website to include a link to the new USDA Complaint Form. However, there has been no formal announcement about the change. Until further official notice from FNS to begin updating materials, no updates are currently required, although TDA will be including the newer version as resources are updated. TDA will provide further instructions once the new NDS is officially announced.



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