

Monthly Update

Child & Adult Care Food Program



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Farm to Plate

KSDE 2022 USDA Farm to School Sub-Grant Application – Now Available

Up to \$10,000 in sub-grant funds is available to Child Nutrition Program sponsors to assist in purchasing equipment that will support preparing, packaging and merchandising grain products made from scratch. CACFP Sponsors are encouraged to apply. Consider baking equipment, tools, storage items, carts, etc. that may benefit your CACFP program. The sub-grant application can be found at www.kn-eat.org, Child and Adult Care Food Program, What's New. Applications are due December 16, 2022.

FY23 USDA Farm to School Grant Request for Applications

The FY 2023 USDA Farm to School Grant Request for Applications (RFA) is now available [here!](#) Applications are due by 11:59pm ET on January 6, 2023. USDA seeks to award up to \$12 million to expand access to local food. Schools and school districts, CACFP and Summer sponsors, Indian tribal organizations, State agencies, local agencies, non-profit organizations, and agricultural producers are encouraged to apply. Applicants may apply for grants of up to \$100,000 in one of the five grant tracks. State agencies or other eligible organizations proposing projects that are multi-state or national in scope may apply for up to \$500,000. Please contact sm.fn.farmtoschool@usda.gov with any questions related to this grant or RFA (and feel free to CC Allison (Alli) Bell at sm.fn.mpro.f2s@usda.gov).

Farm to Plate: Mountain Plains Crunch Off Results

Thank you to all sponsors who participated in the Mountain Plains Crunch Off! Kansas was the 3rd place winner for the second year in a row with 37,691 total registrations following 1st place winner Nebraska and 2nd place winner North Dakota. Kansas fell from 1st place in participation from Early Childhood Education (ECE) in 2021 to 3rd place with 2,347 ECE participants in 2022. Let's work to regain the ECE title in 2023! The Mountain Plains Crunch Off is a fun, interactive way to promote Farm to School Month.

New Updates to the USDA Food Buying Guide

The following new food yields are available: frozen cherries, frozen cauliflower rice, frozen diced carrots, frozen legumes (black-eyed peas, navy beans, and garbanzo beans), mini sweet peppers, and pearled farro. Additionally, a new feature is now available on the Food Buying Guide (FBG) for Child Nutrition Programs Interactive Web-based Tool and FBG Interactive Mobile App. Team Nutrition is excited to announce that this new feature allows a Favorites List and Compare Items List to be exported as an Excel file for ease of use. Team Nutrition appreciates receiving your comments on the FBG and works continuously to enhance the user experience. Explore the [Food Buying Guide](#) today.



Training

The CNW Calendar has training announcements, dates, times, and Zoom links here: www.kn-eat.org, CNW Calendar. There is no need to preregister for the Zoom classes. Make sure to check the calendar regularly for upcoming trainings!

Online Classes and Tutorials

Over 30 classes and tutorials can be accessed free of charge 24/7 via the KSDE Training Portal. Create an account at <https://learning.ksde.org>. For detailed instructions on creating an account and accessing the training, go to www.kn-eat.org, CACFP, Training. Food Safety Basics is available as an online class in the KSDE Training Portal at: <https://learning.ksde.org>.

Healthy Holidays!

Happy & healthy holidays from the Child Nutrition & Wellness team! Please call or email your area Child Nutrition Consultant or any of the Topeka office staff if you have questions or for technical assistance!

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