

Monthly Update



Summer Food Service Program

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Distributed to Summer Food Service Program Authorized Representatives and posted at <https://cnw.ksde.org>, SFSP, SFSP Monthly Updates

Reminders

- Sponsors serving summer meals must complete renewal and be approved before operations may begin.
- Make sure to update site applications if meal service times and dates change. Notify your consultant of any changes made to the site application so that changes can be approved as quickly as possible. We want to make sure that site information is available for the CNW and USDA meal site locator maps.

SFSP Reimbursement Claim Submission Deadlines

- May claim by 07/30/2024
- June claim by 08/29/2024
- July claim by 09/29/2024
- August claim by 10/30/2024

May claims were processed on Tuesday, 6/11/2024, and will not be processed again until the State accounting system re-opens in July. Typically, SFSP vouchers will then be processed the first three Tuesdays of each month as warranted. Please direct any questions related to claims and reimbursement payments to Dessa Gifford at (785) 296-4970 or drgifford@ksde.org.

Updated SFSP Forms for 2024

Many SFSP forms have been updated to reflect recent changes in SFSP policies and guidance. Updated forms include:

- <https://cnw.ksde.org>, SFSP Admin Handbook, Chapter 4, Related Forms:
 - Daily Meal Count Form
 - Summer Meals Consolidation Report
- <https://cnw.ksde.org>, SFSP Admin Handbook, Chapter 2, Related Forms:
 - Preoperational Site Visit Form
 - Site Visit Form
 - Monitor Site Review Form
 - Enrollment Certification
- Located on the KN-CLAIM Checklist Tab:
 - Training Certification Form

Online Professional Development – Classes and Tutorials

CNW staff continue to develop new interactive online trainings and tutorials that can be accessed free of charge 24/7 via the KSDE Training Portal. Accounts can be created at <https://learning.ksde.org>. For detailed instructions on creating an account, go to <https://cnw.ksde.org>, Training, How to Create Online Account. Trainings and tutorials specific to SFSP include: SFSP Administrative Training (3hrs), Non-Congregate Meal Service in Rural Areas (1 hr), SFSP Menu Planning (2 hrs), Serving Safe Summer Meals (1 hr), Summer Food Service Program: Daily Meal Count Form (20 min), and SFSP Food Safety Toolkit (20 min).



Spike Events

Spike events are a great way to re-energize and renew excitement around Summer Meals! Please share with CNW your plans for spike events this summer by emailing Emily Bonilla at ebonilla@ksde.org.

Local Food Source at the Farmers' Market

Farmers' Markets are a great way to source locally throughout the summer months. The Farmers' Market provides locally grown produce, meat, and eggs, and can be a great way to connect with farmers and ranchers in your community. You can find a list of registered Farmers' Markets [here](#).

Serving Local in Summer Meals – Farm Fresh Friday

Farm Fresh Friday materials available for Summer Programs! Farm Fresh Friday is an 8-week program celebrating Kansas products that can be used in summer program menus. Products featured include berries, lettuce, zucchini, beef, grains, cucumbers, melons, and sweet corn. The two-page handouts include cooking, preparation and storage tips, seasonality information, a recipe, and an activity for children to enjoy at the site. You can find Farm Fresh Friday resources at cnw.ksde.org under [Farm to Plate, What's New](#).

Turnip the Beet

Turnip the Beet 2024 Nomination Packet - The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is pleased to share the availability of the Turnip the Beet 2024 Nomination Packet: [Turnip the Beet: High Quality Meals in the Summer Meal Programs 2024 Nomination Form \(azureedge.us\)](#). 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. Please consider applying for a Turnip the Beet award. More information can be found on the [Turnip the Beet webpage Turnip the Beet! High Quality Summer Meals Award Program | Food and Nutrition Service \(usda.gov\)](#) or by contacting Karen Seymour at 785-296-2276 or kseymour@ksde.org.

Summer EBT

The Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program (Summer EBT) is a new federal nutrition program that provides grocery benefits during the summer months to families with children eligible for free or reduced price school meals. Kansas has elected to participate in Summer EBT beginning in summer 2024. For more information about Summer EBT in Kansas go to: [Summer EBT - Economic & Employment Services \(ks.gov\)](#). Households can contact the Kansas Department for Children and Families at 1-866-369-4777 for more information about eligibility benefits.

Child Nutrition & Wellness KANSANS CAN 2023-24 Best Practice Awards

We encourage you and your staff to make nominations for outstanding and/or innovative practices for recognition of your heroic efforts this past program year. A simple one-page nomination entry form is available at <https://cnw.ksde.org>, SNP, SNP What's New. **Nominations are due to the Child Nutrition & Wellness office on or before June 30, 2024.** Awardees will be notified by July 31 and presentations will be made at the August State Board of Education meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact any Child Nutrition & Wellness team member if we can be of assistance with the application process. We look forward to receiving your nominations and celebrating the Kansans CAN Best Practice Awards with you at the August 2024 State Board of Education Meeting.

The CNW Team



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