Meal Pattern and Crediting Resources for the Summer Food Service Program

This list includes resources and websites to assist sponsors with meeting the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) meal pattern and crediting requirements for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). For additional guidance, please contact the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) Summer Meals staff. For links to information on federal and state requirements and guidance for the SFSP, visit the CSDE's Program Guidance for the Summer Food Service Program webpage.

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Child Nutrition (CN) Labels

Appendix C: The USDA Child Nutrition Labeling Program (USDA's Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs):
https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Content/TablesFBG/USDA_FBG_Appendix_C.pdf

Child Nutrition (CN) Labeling Manual (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/labeling/manual

Child Nutrition Authorized Labels and Manufacturers (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/labeling/authorized-labels-manufacturers

Child Nutrition Labels (CSDE's Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-documentation-for-the-child-nutrition-programs/child-nutrition-labels

CN Labeling Program (USDA webpage):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/labeling

Food Buying Guide Module 3: Product Formulation Statements (PFS) (ICN):
https://theicn.docebosaas.com/learn/course/external/view/elearning/139/fbg-module-3-product-formulation-statements-pfs

USDA Memo SP 05-2025, CACFP 04-2025, and SFSP 02-2025: Guidance for Accepting Processed Product Documentation for Meal Pattern Requirements:
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/labeling/guidance-accepting-processed-product-documentation

Using Child Nutrition (CN) Labels in the Summer Food Service Program (CDSE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/cn_labels_sfsp.pdf

What's in a Meal Module 8: Meal Pattern Documentation for Crediting Commercial Processed Products (CSDE's Training Program, What's in a Meal: Meal Patterns for Grades K-12 in the School Nutrition Programs):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/meal-pattern-training-materials#module8

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Crediting Documentation

Accepting Processed Product Documentation in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfspaccepting_processed_product_documentation_sfsp.pdf

Accepting Product Documentation (CSDE's Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-documentation-for-the-child-nutrition-programs/accepting-product-documentation

Alternate Protein Products (USDA webpage):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/cnp/food-industry-toolkit/app

Child Nutrition (CN) Labeling Manual (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/labeling/manual

Child Nutrition Authorized Labels and Manufacturers (USDA webpage):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/labeling/authorized-labels-manufacturers

Child Nutrition Labels (CSDE's Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-documentation-for-the-child-nutrition-programs/child-nutrition-labels

Child Nutrition Programs Food Industry Toolkit: Resource Hub for Food Industry Partners (USDA webpage):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/cnp/food-industry-toolkit

Child Nutrition Programs: Tips for Evaluating a Manufacturer's Product Formulation Statement (USDA webpage):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/labeling/tips-evaluating-pfs

CN Labeling Program (USDA webpage):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/labeling

Commercial Processed Products (CSDE's Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-documentation-for-the-child-nutrition-programs#Commercial

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Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-documentation-for-the-child-nutrition-programs

Crediting Foods in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program

Crediting Summary Charts for the Summer Food Service Program Meal Patterns (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/crediting_summary_charts_sfsp.pdf

Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/fbg

Foods Made from Scratch (CSDE's Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-documentation-for-the-child-nutrition-programs#Scratch

Navigating the Food Buying Guide FBG Calculator (USDA webinar):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/navigating-food-buying-guide-fbg-calculator

Product Formulation Statement Guidance and Templates for Food Manufacturers/Industry (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/cnp/food-industry-toolkit/pfs/guidance

Product Formulation Statements (CSDE's Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Programs webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-documentation-for-the-child-nutrition-programs/product-formulation-statements

Recipe Analysis Workbook (RAW) for Standardized Recipes (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/fbg/webtool

Records Retention Requirements for the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/records_retention_sfsp.pdf

Standardized Recipes (CSDE's Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-documentation-for-the-child-nutrition-programs/standardized-recipes

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Summer Meals Annual Training Module: Crediting Documentation for Summer Meals ("Annual Training" section of CSDE's SFSP webpage)
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/annual-training#CreditingDocumentation

USDA Memo SP 05-2025, CACFP 04-2025, and SFSP 02-2025: Guidance for Accepting Processed Product Documentation for Meal Pattern Requirements:
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/labeling/guidance-accepting-processed-product-documentation

USDA Recipe Standardization Guide for School Nutrition Programs (Institute of Child Nutrition):
https://theicn.org/cicn/usda-recipe-standardization-guide-for-school-nutrition-programs/

Using Child Nutrition (CN) Labels in the Summer Food Service Program (CDSE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/cn_labels_sfsp.pdf

Using Product Formulation Statements in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/product_formulation_statements_sfsp.pdf

What's in a Meal Module 8: Meal Pattern Documentation for Crediting Commercial Processed Products (CSDE's Training Program, What's in a Meal: Meal Patterns for Grades K-12 in the School Nutrition Programs):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/meal-pattern-training-materials#module8

When Commercial Grain Products Require a Product Formulation Statement to Credit in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/mealpattern/when_commercial_grain_products_require_pfs_sfsp.pdf

Yield Study Data Form for the Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/crediting/yield_study_form.pdf

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Crediting Foods

Crediting Foods in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program

Crediting Summary Charts for the Summer Food Service Program Meal Patterns (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/crediting_summary_charts_sfsp.pdf

Crediting Tip Sheets in Child Nutrition Programs (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/cn/crediting-tipsheets

Crediting Updates for Child Nutrition Programs: Be in the Know! Webinar Series (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/cn/crediting-updates-webinars

Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/fbg

Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs: Training Resources (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/fbg/training

Noncreditable Foods in the Meal Patterns for the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/noncreditable_foods_sfsp.pdf

Nutrition Guide: Summer Food Service Program (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/sfsp/nutrition-guide

Summer Meals Annual Training Module: Crediting Foods in the SFSP Meal Patterns Part 1: Introduction to Crediting ("Annual Training" section of CSDE's SFSP webpage)
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/annual-training#CreditingFoods

Summer Meals Annual Training Module: Crediting Foods in the SFSP Meal Patterns: Introduction to Crediting ("Annual Training" section of CSDE's SFSP webpage)
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/annual-training#CreditingFoods

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General Program Guidance

Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/child-nutrition-programs

Food and Nutrition Administration (FNA) Documents & Resources (USDA webpage):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/resources

Legislation and Regulations for Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/laws-and-regulations-for-child-nutrition-programs

Manuals and Guides for Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/manuals-and-guides-for-child-nutrition-programs

Nutrition Education (CSDE webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/nutrition-education

Operational Memoranda for School Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program

Program Guidance for the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/program-guidance-school-nutrition-programs

Resources for Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/resources-for-child-nutrition-programs

Training for Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/training-for-child-nutrition-programs

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Grains/Breads Component

Breakfast Cereals ("Grains and Breads" section of CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Summer Food Service Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program/grains-and-breads#BreakfastCereals

Calculation Methods for Grains/Breads Servings for the Summer Food Service Meal Patterns (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/grain_calculation_sfsp.pdf

Crediting Breakfast Cereals in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/credit_cereals_sfsp.pdf

Crediting Enriched Grains in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/credit_enriched_grains_sfsp.pdf

Crediting Grain-based Desserts in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/credit_grain_based_desserts_sfsp.pdf

Crediting Grains in the Child Nutrition Programs Tip Sheets: Part 1: Creditable Grains in Child Nutrition Programs; Part 2: Identifying Grain Products that are Whole Grain-Rich; and Part 3: Program Requirements (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/cn/crediting-tipsheets/grains

Crediting Whole Grains in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/credit_whole_grains_sfsp.pdf

Exhibit A Grains Tool of the Food Buying Guide (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/fbg/webtool

Exhibit A: Grain Requirements for Child Nutrition Programs (USDA):
https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Content/TablesFBG/Exhibit_A_Grain_Requirements_For_Child_Nutrition_Programs.pdf

Food Buying Guide Section 4: Overview of Crediting Requirements for the Grains Component (USDA):
https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Content/TablesFBG/USDA_FBG_Section4_Grains.pd

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Food Buying Guide Section 4: Yield Table for Grains (USDA):
https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/files/Reports/USDA_FBG_Section4_GrainsYieldTable.pdf

Grain-based Desserts ("Grains and Breads" section of CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Summer Food Service Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program / grains-and-breads#GrainBasedDesserts

Grains and Breads Component (CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Summer Food Service Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program/grains-and-breads

How to Maximize the Exhibit A Grains Tool (USDA webinar):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/how-maximize-exhibit-grains-tool

How to Use the Grains/Breads Servings Chart for the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/mealpattern/credit how_to_use_grains_breads_servings_chart_sfsp.pdf

Nutrition Guide: Summer Food Service Program (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/sfsp/nutrition-guide

Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Grains/Breads Servings in the Summer Food Service Program: Completed Sample (USDA):
https://fna-bwbufwdzbabpezgc.z01.azurefd.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/tn-pfs-grainsbreads-sample-sfsp.pdf

Requirements for the Grains/Breads Component of the Summer Food Service Program Meal Patterns (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/component_grains_breads_sfsp.pdf

Serving Requirements ("Grains and Breads" section of CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Summer Food Service Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program/grains-and-breads#ServingRequirements

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Servings for Grains/Breads in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/servings_grains_breads_sfsp.pdf

Summer Meals Annual Training Module: Crediting Foods in the SFSP Meal Patterns Part 4: Grains/Breads Component ("Annual Training" section of CSDE's SFSP webpage)
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/annual-training#CreditingFoods

USDA Memo SP 23-2019, CACFP 10-2019, and SFSP 09-2019: Crediting Popcorn in the Child Nutrition Programs:
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/crediting-popcorn-child-nutrition-programs

USDA Memo SP 34-2019, CACFP 15-2019, and SFSP 15-2019: Crediting Coconut, Hominy, Corn Masa, and Masa Harina in the Child Nutrition Programs:
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/crediting-coconut-hominy-corn-masa-and-masa-harina-child-nutrition-programs

Using Product Formulation Statements in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/product_formulation_statements_sfsp.pdf

When Commercial Grain Products Require a Product Formulation Statement to Credit in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/mealpattern/when_commercial_grain_products_require_pfs_sfsp.pdf

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Meal Modifications for Special Diets

Guidance for Meal Modifications in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/mealpattern/meal_modification_guidance_sfsp.pdf

Meal Modifications for Special Diets ("Meal Patterns" section of CSDE's SFSP webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/meal-patterns#MealModifications

Request for Meal Modifications in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/mealpattern/meal_modification_request_form_sfsp.pdf

Resource List for Special Diets in Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/resources/resources_special_diets.pdf

USDA Memo CACFP 14-2017, and SFSP 10-2017: Modifications to Accommodate Disabilities in the Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program:
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cr/cacfp/modifications-accomodate-disabilities

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Meal Patterns

Crediting Summary Charts for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Meal Patterns (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/crediting_summary_ charts_ sfsp.pdf.

Meal Patterns (CSDE's SFSP webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/meal-patterns

Noncreditable Foods in the Meal Patterns for the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/noncreditable_foods_ sfsp.pdf

Nutrition Guide: Summer Food Service Program (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/sfsp/nutrition-guide

SFSP Meal Pattern Regulations: 7 CFR 225.16 (d) Meal service requirements (USDA):
https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/part-225#p-225.16(d)

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Meal Patterns (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/mealpattern/sfsp_meal_patterns.pdf

Summer Meal Nutrition Standards (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/sfsp/state-local/nutrition-standards

Summer Meals Annual Training Module: Crediting Foods in the SFSP Meal Patterns ("Annual Training" section of CSDE's SFSP webpage)
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/annual-training#CreditingFoods

Summer Meals Annual Training Module: SFSP Meal Patterns ("Annual Training" section of CSDE's SFSP webpage)
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/annual-training#SFSPMealPatterns

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Meal Service

Administration Guide: Summer Food Service Program, Chapter 4: Meal Requirements (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/sfsp/administration-guide

Food Safety Requirements for Field Trip Meals in theSummer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/food_safety_field_trip_meals_sfsp.pdf

Meal Service for the SFSP (CSDE's SFSP webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/meal-service

Offer versus Serve (OVS) in the Summer Food Service Program ("Meal Service" section of CSDE's SFSP webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/meal-service#OVS

Summer Meals Annual Training Module: Meal Service Requirements for Summer Meals ("Annual Training" section of CSDE's SFSP webpage)
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/annual-training#MealService

Summer Meals Annual Training Module: Offer versus Serve (OVS) for the SFSP ("Annual Training" section of CSDE's SFSP webpage)
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/annual-training#OVS

Requirements for Field Trip Meals in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/field_trip_meals_sfsp.pdf

USDA Memo SP 10-2017 and SFSP 06-2017: Meal Service Requirements in the Summer Meal Programs, with Questions and Answers – Revised:
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/meal-service-requirements-summer-meal-programs-questions-and-answers-revised

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Meats/Meat Alternates Component

Additional Meat/Meat Alternate Options for CNPs: Crediting Tempeh and Surimi (USDA webinar:):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/additional-meat-meat-alternate-tempeh-and-surimi

Alternate Protein Product Sample Documentation (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/cnl-app-sample.pdf

Alternate Protein Products (APPs) ("Meats and Meat Alternates" section of CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Summer Food Service Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program/meats-and-meat-alternates#APP

Alternate Protein Products (USDA webpage):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/cnp/food-industry-toolkit/app

Appendix A to Part 225—Alternate Foods for Meals: Alternate Protein Products (7 CFR 225):
https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-B/chapter-II/subchapter-A/part-225#Appendix-A-to-Part-225

Beans, Peas, and Lentils ("Meats and Meat Alternates" section of CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Summer Food Service Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program/meats-and-meat-alternates#BeansPeasLentils

Commercial Processed Products ("Meats and Meat Alternates" section of CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Summer Food Service Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program/meats-and-meat-alternates#CommercialProcessedProducts

Crediting Beans, Peas, and Lentils in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/crediting/credit_beans_peas_lentils_snp.pdf

Crediting Commercial Meat/Meat Alternate Products in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/credit_commercial_mma_sfsp.pdf

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Crediting Deli Meats in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/credit_deli_sfsp.pdf

Crediting Meats/Meat Alternates in the Child Nutrition Programs Tip Sheet (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/cn/crediting-tipsheets/mma

Crediting Nuts and Seeds in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/credit_nuts_seeds_sfsp.pdf

Crediting Smoothies in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/credit_smoothies_sfsp.pdf

Crediting Tofu and Tofu Products in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/credit_tofu_sfsp.pdf

Crediting Yogurt in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/credit_yogurt_sfsp.pdf

Dried Meats ("Meats and Meat Alternates" section of CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Summer Food Service Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program/meats-and-meat-alternates#DriedMeats

Food Buying Guide Section 1: Overview of Crediting Requirements for the Meats/Meat Alternates Component (USDA):
https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Content/TablesFBG/USDA_FBG_Section1_MeatsAndMeatAlternates.pdf

Food Buying Guide Section 1: Yield Table for Meats/Meat Alternates (USDA):
https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/files/Reports/USDA_FBG_Section1_MeatsAndMeatAlternatesYieldTable.pdf

Meats and Meat Alternates Component (CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Summer Food Service Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program/meats-and-meat-alternates

Moving Forward: Update on Food Crediting in Child Nutrition Programs with Guidance for Dried Meat Products (USDA webinar):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/moving-forward-update-food-crediting-dried-meat-products

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Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Meats/Meat Alternates (M/MA) in Child Nutrition Programs (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/tn-pfs-mma-template.pdf

Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Meats/Meat Alternates (M/MA) in Child Nutrition Programs: Completed Sample (USDA):
https://fna-bwbufwdzbabpezgc.z01.azurefd.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/tn-pfs-mma-sample.pdf

Questions and Answers on Alternate Protein Products (APP) (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/cnp/food-industry-toolkit/app

Requirements for Alternate Protein Products in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/app_requirements_sfsp.pdf

Requirements for the Meat/Meat Alternates Component of the Summer Food Service Program Meal Patterns (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/component_mma_sfsp.pdf

Summer Meals Annual Training Module: Crediting Foods in the SFSP Meal Patterns Part 3: Meats/Meat Alternates Component ("Annual Training" section of CSDE's SFSP webpage)
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/annual-training#CreditingFoods

Tofu and Tofu Products ("Meats and Meat Alternates" section of CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Summer Food Service Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program/meats-and-meat-alternates#Tofu

USDA Memo SP 02-2024, CACFP 02-2024, and SFSP 02-2024: Revised: Crediting Tofu and Soy Yogurt Products in the School Meals Programs, Child and Adult Care Food Program, and Summer Food Service Program:
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/crediting-tofu-soy-yogurt-products-school-meals-cacfp

USDA Memo SP 21-2019, CACFP 08-2019, and SFSP 07-2019: Crediting Shelf-Stable, Dried and Semi-Dried Meat, Poultry, and Seafood Products in the Child Nutrition Programs:
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/crediting-shelf-stable-dried-and-semi-dried-meat-poultry-and-seafood-products-child-nutrition

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USDA Memo SP 24-2019, CACFP 11-2019, and SFSP 10-2019: Crediting Surimi Seafood in the Child Nutrition Programs:
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/crediting-surimi-seafood-child-nutrition-programs

USDA Memo SP 25-2019, CACFP 12-2019, and SFSP 11-2019: Crediting Tempeh in the Child Nutrition Programs:
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/crediting-tempeh-child-nutrition-programs

USDA Memo SP 26-2019, CACFP 13-2019, and SFSP 12-2019: Crediting Pasta Products Made of Vegetable Flour in the Child Nutrition Programs:
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/crediting-pasta-products-made-vegetable-flour-child-nutrition-programs

USDA Memo SP 40-2019, CACFP 17-2019, and SFSP 17-2019: Smoothies Offered in Child Nutrition Programs:
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/smoothies-offered

USDA Memo SP 53-2016 and CACFP 21-2016: Crediting Tofu and Soy Yogurt Products in the School Meal Programs and the CACFP:
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/crediting-tofu-soy-yogurt-products-school-meals-cacfp

Yogurt and Soy Yogurt ("Meats and Meat Alternates" section of CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Summer Food Service Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program/meats-and-meat-alternates#Yogurt

Menu Forms

Breakfast Menu Form for the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/mealpattern/menu_form_sfsp_breakfast.docx

Lunch/Supper Menu Form for the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/mealpattern/menu_form_sfsp_lunch_supper.docx

Menu Forms ("Menu Planning" section of CSDE's SFSP webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/menu-planning#MenuForms

Snack Menu Form for the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/mealpattern/menu_form_sfsp_snack.docx

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Menu Planning

Choking Prevention (CSDE's Food Safety for Child Nutrition Programs webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/food-safety-for-child-nutrition-programs/documents#ChokingPrevention

Cycle Menus (CSDE's Menu Planning for Child Nutrition Programs webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/menu-planning/cycle-menus

Farm to Summer ("Menu Planning" section of CSDE's SFSP webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/menu-planning#FarmSummer

Menu Planning (CSDE's SFSP webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/menu-planning

Menu Planning for Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/menu-planning

Noncreditable Foods in the Meal Patterns for the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/noncreditable_foods_sfsp.pdf

Portion Control (CSDE's Menu Planning for Child Nutrition Programs webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/menu-planning/portion-control

Sample SFSP Menus ("Menu Planning" section of CSDE's SFSP webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/menu-planning#Menus

Weights and Measures ("Portion Control" section of CSDE's Menu Planning for Child Nutrition Programs webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/menu-planning/portion-control#WeightsMeasures

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Milk Component

Allowable Fluid Milk Substitutes for Non-Disability Reasons in the School Nutrition Programs (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/specdiet/milk_substitutes_snp.pdf

Chill Out with Cold Milk (New England Dairy webpage):
https://www.newenglanddairy.com/school-meals/keep-milk-cold/

Crediting Fluid Milk in the Child Nutrition Programs Tip Sheet (USDA)
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/cn/crediting-tipsheets/milk

Crediting Smoothies in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/credit_smoothies_sfsp.pdf

Food Buying Guide Section 5: Overview of Crediting Requirements for the Milk Component (USDA):
https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Content/TablesFBG/USDA_FBG_Section5_Milk.pdf

Food Buying Guide Section 5: Yield Table for Milk (USDA):
https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/files/Reports/USDA_FBG_Section5_MilkYieldTable.pdf

Milk Component (CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Summer Food Service Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program/milk

Milk Substitutes for Disability Reasons (CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Summer Food Service Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program/milk#MilkSubstitutes

Portion Control (CSDE's Menu Planning for Child Nutrition Programs webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/menu-planning/portion-control

Requirements for the Milk Component of the Summer Food Service Program Meal Patterns (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/component_milk_sfsp.pdf

Summer Meals Annual Training Module: Crediting Foods in the SFSP Meal Patterns Part 2: Milk Component ("Annual Training" section of CSDE's SFSP webpage)
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/annual-training#CreditingFoods

USDA Memo SP 07-2010, CACFP 04-2010, and SFSP 05-2010: Questions and Answers: Fluid Milk Substitutions*:*
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/qas-milk-substitution-children-medical-or-special-dietary-needs

Product Formulation Statements

Child Nutrition Programs: Tips for Evaluating a Manufacturer's Product Formulation Statement (USDA webpage):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/labeling/tips-evaluating-pfs

Food Buying Guide Module 3: Product Formulation Statements (PFS) (ICN):
https://theicn.docebosaas.com/learn/courses/139/fbg-module-3-product-formulation-statements-pfs

Manufacturer's Product Formulation Statement: Is it Acceptable? (ICN and USDA):
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtUo70IP9cc

Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Grains/Breads Servings in the Summer Food Service Program (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/tn-pfs-grainsbreads-template-sfsp.pdf

Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Grains/Breads Servings in the Summer Food Service Program: Completed Sample (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/tn-pfs-grainsbreads-sample-sfsp.pdf

Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Meats/Meat Alternates (M/MA) in Child Nutrition Programs (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/tn-pfs-mma-template.pdf

Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Meats/Meat Alternates (M/MA) in Child Nutrition Programs: Completed Sample (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/tn-pfs-mma-sample.pdf

Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Vegetables and Fruits in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program, and NSLP Afterschool Snacks (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/tn-pfs-vegfruit-template-cacfp.pdf

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Product Formulation Statement Guidance and Templates for Food Manufacturers/Industry (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/cnp/food-industry-toolkit/pfs/guidance

Product Formulation Statements (CSDE's Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Programs webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-documentation-for-the-child-nutrition-programs/product-formulation-statements

USDA Memo SP 05-2025, CACFP 04-2025, and SFSP 02-2025: Guidance for Accepting Processed Product Documentation for Meal Pattern Requirements:
https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/labeling/guidance-accepting-processed-product-documentation

Using Product Formulation Statements in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/product_formulation_statements_sfsp.pdf

What's in a Meal Module 8: Meal Pattern Documentation for Crediting Commercial Processed Products (CSDE's Training Program, What's in a Meal: Meal Patterns for Grades K-12 in the School Nutrition Programs):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/meal-pattern-training-materials#module8

When Commercial Grain Products Require a Product Formulation Statement to Credit in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/mealpattern/when_commercial_grain_products_require_pfs_sfsp.pdf

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Production Records

Instructions for the Production Record Template for the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/mealpattern/insturctions_production_record_sfsp.pdf

Production Records ("Menu Planning" section of CSDE's SFSP webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/menu-planning#ProductionRecords

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Production Record (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/mealpattern/production_record_sfsp.docx

Using Production Records in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/mealpattern/using_production_records_sfsp.pdf

SFSP Requirements and Guidance

Annual Training (CSDE's SFSP webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/annual-training

Food and Nutrition Administration (FNA) Documents & Resources (USDA webpage):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/resources

Food Safety for Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/food-safety-for-child-nutrition-programs

Laws and Regulations for Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/laws-and-regulations-for-child-nutrition-programs

Manuals and Guides for Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/manuals-and-guides-for-child-nutrition-programs

Operational Memoranda for SFSP (CSDE webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/operational-memoranda-for-the-sfsp

Policies and Guidance (CSDE's SFSP webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/policies-and-guidance

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Program Guidance for the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/program-guidance-for-the-summer-food-service-program

Required SFSP Application Forms and Materials ("Apply" section of CSDE's SFSP webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/apply#RequiredForms

Resources for Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/resources-for-child-nutrition-programs

Summer Food Service Program Regulations 7 CFR 225 (USDA webpage):
https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-B/chapter-II/subchapter-A/part-225

Summer Meals Updates (CSDE webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/summer-meals-updates

Training for Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/training-for-child-nutrition-programs

Standardized Recipes

Portion Control (CSDE's Menu Planning for Child Nutrition Programs webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/menu-planning/portion-control

Recipes for Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE's Menu Planning for Child Nutrition Programs webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/menu-planning/recipes-for-child-nutrition-programs

Standardized Recipe Form for the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/standardized_recipe_form_sfsp.docx

Standardized Recipes (CSDE's Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Programs webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-documentation-for-the-child-nutrition-programs/standardized-recipes

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Vegetables/Fruits Component

Beans, Peas, and Lentils ("Vegetables and Fruits" section of CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Summer Food Service Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program/vegetables-and-fruits#BeansPeasLentils

Crediting Beans, Peas, and Lentils in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/crediting/credit_beans_peas_lentils_snp.pdf

Crediting Fruits in the Child Nutrition Programs Tip Sheet (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/cn/crediting-tipsheets/fruits

Crediting Juices in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/credit_juices_sfsp.pdf

Crediting Smoothies in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/credit_smoothies_sfsp.pdf

Crediting Soups in the Summer Food Service Program (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/credit_soups_sfsp.pdf

Crediting Vegetable Noodles and Coconut in the Child Nutrition Programs (USDA webinar):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/crediting-vegetable-noodles-and-coconut-child-nutrition-programs

Crediting Vegetables in Child Nutrition Programs Tip Sheet (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/cn/crediting-tipsheets/vegetables

Dried Vegetables ("Vegetables and Fruits" section of CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Summer Food Service Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program/vegetables-and-fruits#DriedVegetables

Food Buying Guide Section 2: Overview of Crediting Requirements for the Vegetables Component (USDA):
https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Content/TablesFBG/USDA_FBG_Section2_Vegetables.pdf

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Food Buying Guide Section 2: Yield Table for Vegetables (USDA):
https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/files/Reports/USDA_FBG_Section2_VegetablesYieldTable.pdf

Food Buying Guide Section 3: Overview of Crediting Requirements for the Fruits Component (USDA):
https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Content/TablesFBG/USDA_FBG_Section3_Fruits.pdf

Food Buying Guide Section 3: Yield Table for Fruits (USDA):
https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/files/Reports/USDA_FBG_Section3_FruitsYieldTable.pdf

Juices ("Vegetables and Fruits" section of CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Summer Food Service Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program/vegetables-and-fruits#Juices

Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Vegetables and Fruits in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program, and NSLP Afterschool Snacks (USDA):
https://www.fna.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/tn-pfs-vegfruit-template-cacfp.pdf

Requirements for the Vegetables/Fruits Component of the Summer Food Service Program Meal Patterns (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/component_vegetables_fruits_sfsp.pdf

Smoothies ("Vegetables and Fruits" section of CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Summer Food Service Program webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program/vegetables-and-fruits#Smoothies

Summer Meals Annual Training Module: Crediting Foods in the SFSP Meal Patterns Part 5: Vegetables/Fruits Component ("Annual Training" section of CSDE's SFSP webpage)
https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/annual-training#CreditingFoods

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USDA Memo SP 26-2019, CACFP 13-2019, and SFSP 12-2019: Crediting Pasta Products Made of Vegetable Flour in the Child Nutrition Programs: https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/crediting-pasta-products-made-vegetable-flour-child-nutrition-programs

USDA memo SP 34-2019, CACFP 15-2019 and SFSP 15-2019: Crediting Coconut, Hominy, Corn Masa, and Corn Flour in the Child Nutrition Programs: https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/crediting-coconut-hominy-corn-masa-and-masa-harina-child-nutrition-programs

USDA Memo SP 40-2019, CACFP 17-2019, and SFSP 17-2019: Smoothies Offered in Child Nutrition Programs: https://www.fna.usda.gov/cn/smoothies-offered

Vegetables/Fruits Component (CSDE's Crediting Foods in the Summer Food Service Program webpage): https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program/vegetables-and-fruits

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For more information, visit the "SFSP Meal Patterns" section of the CSDE's SFSP webpage and the CSDE's Crediting Foods in the SFSP webpage or contact the Summer Meals staff at the Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Child Nutrition Programs, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 504, Hartford, CT 06103-1841.This document is available at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingsfsp/resources_sfsp_meal_patterns.pdf.

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