

# 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](https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Content/TablesFBG/USDA_FBG_Appendix_C.pdf)

[Child Nutrition \(CN\) Labeling Manual](#) (USDA):

<https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/child-nutrition-labeling-manual.pdf>

[Child Nutrition Authorized Labels and Manufacturers](#) (USDA):

<https://www.fns.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.fns.usda.gov/cn/labeling-program>

[Food Buying Guide Module 3: Product Formulation Statements \(PFS\)](#) (ICN):

<https://theicn.docebosaa.com/learn/course/external/view/elearning/139/fbg-module-3-product-formulation-statements-pfs>

[Food Manufacturers/Industry](#) (USDA):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cnlabeling/food-manufacturersindustry>

[Manufacturer's Product Formulation Statement: Is it Acceptable? Presentation Slides](#) (Institute of Child Nutrition and USDA):

<https://theicn.org/resources/930/march-2016/109876/manufacturers-product-formulation-statement-pfs03-31-16.pdf>

[USDA Memo SP 05-2025, CACFP 04-2025, and SFSP 02-2025: Guidance for Accepting Processed Product Documentation for Meal Pattern Requirements:](#)

<https://www.fns.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/creditingfsp/cn\\_labels\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/cn_labels_sfsp.pdf)

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[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>

## Crediting Documentation

[Accepting Processed Product Documentation in the Summer Food Service Program](#) (CSDE):  
[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfspaccepting\\_processed\\_product\\_/documentation\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfspaccepting_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>

[Child Nutrition Programs: Tips for Evaluating a Manufacturer's Product Formulation Statement](#) (CSDE webpage):  
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/labeling/tips-evaluating-pfs>

[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>

[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>

[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/creditingfsp/crediting\\_summary\\_charts\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/crediting_summary_charts_sfsp.pdf)

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[Crediting Tip Sheets in Child Nutrition Programs](#) (USDA):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cn/crediting-tipsheets>

[Crediting Updates for Child Nutrition Programs: Be in the Know! Webinar Series](#) (USDA):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cn/crediting-updates-webinars>

[Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs](#) (USDA):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-for-child-nutrition-programs>

[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.fns.usda.gov/tn/navigating-food-buying-guide-fbg-calculator>

[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.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-interactive-web-based-tool>

[Records Retention Requirements for the Summer Food Service Program](#) (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/records\\_retention\\_sfsp.pdf](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>

[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>

[Tips for Evaluating a Manufacturer's Product Formulation Statement](#) (USDA):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/labeling/tips-evaluating-pfs>

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[USDA Memo SP 05-2025, CACFP 04-2025, and SFSP 02-2025: Guidance for Accepting Processed Product Documentation for Meal Pattern Requirements:](#)

<https://www.fns.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](#) (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsfp/cn\\_labels\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsfp/cn_labels_sfsp.pdf)

[Using Product Formulation Statements in the Summer Food Service Program](#) (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsfp/product\\_formulation\\_statements\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsfp/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](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](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/crediting/yield_study_form.pdf)

## 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/creditingfsfp/crediting\\_summary\\_charts\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsfp/crediting_summary_charts_sfsp.pdf)

[Crediting Tip Sheets in Child Nutrition Programs](#) (USDA):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cn/crediting-tipsheets>

[Crediting Updates for Child Nutrition Programs: Be in the Know! Webinar Series](#) (USDA):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cn/crediting-updates-webinars>

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[Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs](https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-for-child-nutrition-programs) (USDA):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-for-child-nutrition-programs>

[Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs: Training Resources](https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-training-resources) (USDA):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-training-resources>

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

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/noncreditable\\_foods\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/noncreditable_foods_sfsp.pdf)

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

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/nutrition-guide>

[Recipe Analysis Workbook \(RAW\) for Standardized Recipes](https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-interactive-web-based-tool) (USDA):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-interactive-web-based-tool>

[Summer Meals Annual Training Module: Crediting Foods in the SFSP Meal Patterns Part 1:](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/annual-training/#CreditingFoods)

[Introduction to Crediting](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/annual-training/#CreditingFoods) (“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:](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/annual-training/#CreditingFoods)

[Introduction to Crediting](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/annual-training/#CreditingFoods) (“Annual Training” section of CSDE’s SFSP webpage)

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/annual-training/#CreditingFoods>

## Grains/Breads Component

[Breakfast Cereals](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program/grains-and-breads#BreakfastCereals) (“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](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/grain_calculation_sfsp.pdf) (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/grain\\_calculation\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/grain_calculation_sfsp.pdf)

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

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/credit\\_cereals\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/credit_cereals_sfsp.pdf)

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[Crediting Enriched Grains in the Summer Food Service Program](#) (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/credit\\_enriched\\_grains\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/credit_enriched_grains_sfsp.pdf)

[Crediting Grain-based Desserts in the Summer Food Service Program](#) (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/credit\\_grain\\_based\\_desserts\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/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.fns.usda.gov/tn/crediting-grains>

[Crediting Whole Grains in the Summer Food Service Program](#) (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/credit\\_whole\\_grains\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/credit_whole_grains_sfsp.pdf)

[Exhibit A Grains Tool of the Food Buying Guide](#) (USDA):

<https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/ExhibitATool/Index>

[Exhibit A: Grain Requirements for Child Nutrition Programs](#) (USDA):

<https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Content/TablesFBG/ExhibitA.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.pdf](https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Content/TablesFBG/USDA_FBG_Section4_Grains.pdf)

[Food Buying Guide Section 4: Yield Table for Grains](#) (USDA):

[https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/files/Reports/USDA\\_FBG\\_Section4\\_GrainsYieldTable.pdf](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.fns.usda.gov/tn/how-maximize-exhibit-grains-tool>

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## [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](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.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/nutrition-guide>

## [Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Grains/Breads Servings in the Summer Food Service Program](#) (USDA):

<https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/tn-grains-pfs-template-sfsp-servings.pdf>

## [Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Grains/Breads Servings in the Summer Food Service Program: Completed Sample](#) (USDA):

<https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/tn-sample-pfs-grains-sfsp.pdf>

## [Recipe Analysis Workbook \(RAW\) for Standardized Recipes](#) (USDA):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-interactive-web-based-tool>

## [Requirements for the Grains/Breads Component of the Summer Food Service Program Meal Patterns](#) (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/component\\_grains\\_breads\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/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>

## [Servings for Grains/Breads in the Summer Food Service Program](#) (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/servings\\_grains\\_breads\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/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>

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[USDA Memo SP 23-2019, CACFP 10-2019, and SFSP 09-2019: Crediting Popcorn in the Child Nutrition Programs:](#)

<https://www.fns.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.fns.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/creditingfsfp/product\\_formulation\\_statements\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsfp/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](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/mealpattern/when_commercial_grain_products_require_pfs_sfsp.pdf)

## 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](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](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](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 CACFP and SFSP:](#)

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/modifications-accommodate-disabilities-cacfp-and-sfsp>

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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/creditingfsp/crediting\\_summary\\_charts\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/crediting_summary_charts_sfsp.pdf).

### [Meal Patterns](#) (CSDE's SFSP webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/meal-patterns>

### [Meal Patterns SFSP](#) (USDA):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/meal-patterns>

### [Noncreditable Foods in the Meal Patterns for the Summer Food Service Program](#) (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/noncreditable\\_foods\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/noncreditable_foods_sfsp.pdf)

### [Nutrition Guide: Summer Food Service Program](#) (USDA):

<https://www.fns.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\(d\)](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](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/mealpattern/sfsp_meal_patterns.pdf)

### [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](https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/2016-administrative-guidance-sponsors) (USDA):  
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/2016-administrative-guidance-sponsors>

[Food Safety Requirements for Field Trip Meals in the Summer Food Service Program](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/food_safety_field_trip_meals_sfsp.pdf) (CSDE):  
[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/food\\_safety\\_field\\_trip\\_meals\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/food_safety_field_trip_meals_sfsp.pdf)

[Meal Service for the SFSP](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/meal-service) (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](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/meal-service#OVS) ("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](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/annual-training#MealService) ("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](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/annual-training#OVS) ("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](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/field_trip_meals_sfsp.pdf) (CSDE):  
[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/field\\_trip\\_meals\\_sfsp.pdf](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.fns.usda.gov/cn/meal-service-requirements-summer-meal-programs-questions-and-answers-revised):  
<https://www.fns.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.fns.usda.gov/tn/additional-meat-meat-alternate-tempeh-and-surimi>

[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>

[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](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/creditingfsfp/credit\\_commercial\\_mma\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsfp/credit_commercial_mma_sfsp.pdf)

[Crediting Deli Meats in the Summer Food Service Program](#) (CSDE):  
[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsfp/credit\\_deli\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsfp/credit_deli_sfsp.pdf)

[Crediting Meats/Meat Alternates in the Child Nutrition Programs Tip Sheet](#) (USDA):  
[https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/mma\\_tipsheet.pdf](https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/mma_tipsheet.pdf)

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[Crediting Nuts and Seeds in the Summer Food Service Program](#) (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/credit\\_nuts\\_seeds\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/credit_nuts_seeds_sfsp.pdf)

[Crediting Smoothies in the Summer Food Service Program](#) (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/credit\\_smoothies\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/credit_smoothies_sfsp.pdf)

[Crediting Tofu and Tofu Products in the Summer Food Service Program](#) (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/credit\\_tofu\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/credit_tofu_sfsp.pdf)

[Crediting Yogurt in the Summer Food Service Program](#) (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/credit\\_yogurt\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/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](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](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.fns.usda.gov/tn/moving-forward-update-food-crediting-dried-meat-products>

[Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Meats/Meat Alternates \(M/MA\) in Child Nutrition Programs](#) (USDA):

<https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/tn-mma-pfs-template.pdf>

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## [Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Meats/Meat Alternates \(M/MA\) in Child](#)

[Nutrition Programs: Completed Sample](#) (USDA):

<https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/tn-mma-pfs-sample-meats-app.pdf>

## [Questions and Answers on Alternate Protein Products \(APP\)](#) (USDA):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/labeling/qas-app>

## [Requirements for Alternate Protein Products in the Summer Food Service Program](#) (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsfp/app\\_requirements\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsfp/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/creditingfsfp/component\\_mma\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsfp/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.fns.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.fns.usda.gov/cn/crediting-shelf-stable-dried-and-semi-dried-meat-poultry-and-seafood-products-child-nutrition>

## [USDA Memo SP 24-2019, CACFP 11-2019, and SFSP 10-2019: Crediting Surimi Seafood in the Child Nutrition Programs:](#)

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/crediting-surimi-seafood-child-nutrition-programs>

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[USDA Memo SP 25-2019, CACFP 12-2019, and SFSP 11-2019: Crediting Tempeh in the Child Nutrition Programs:](#)

<https://www.fns.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.fns.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.fns.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.fns.usda.gov/crediting-tofu-and-soy-yogurt-products-school-meal-programs-and-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](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](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](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/mealpattern/menu_form_sfsp_snack.docx)

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## Menu Planning

[Choking Prevention](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/food-safety-for-child-nutrition-programs/documents/ChokingPrevention) (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](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/menu-planning/cycle-menus) (CSDE's Menu Planning for Child Nutrition Programs webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/menu-planning/cycle-menus>

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

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/menu-planning/FarmSummer>

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

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/menu-planning>

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

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/menu-planning>

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

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/noncreditable\\_foods\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/noncreditable_foods_sfsp.pdf)

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

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/menu-planning/portion-control>

[Sample SFSP Menus](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/menu-planning#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](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/menu-planning/portion-control#WeightsMeasures) ("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](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)

<http://https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/crediting-milk-child-nutrition-programs-tip-sheet>

[Crediting Smoothies in the Summer Food Service Program](#) (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/credit\\_smoothies\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/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](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](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/creditingfsp/component\\_milk\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/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>

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[USDA Memo SP 07-2010, CACFP 04-2010, and SFSP 05-2010: Questions and Answers: Fluid Milk Substitutions:](#)

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/qas-milk-substitution-children-medical-or-special-dietary-needs-non-disability>

## Product Formulation Statements

[Food Buying Guide Module 3: Product Formulation Statements](#) (PFS) (ICN):

<https://theicn.docebos.com/learn/course/external/view/elearning/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>

[Manufacturer's Product Formulation Statement: Is it Acceptable? Presentation Slides](#) (ICN and USDA):

<https://theicn.org/resources/930/march-2016/109876/manufacturers-product-formulation-statement-pfs03-31-16.pdf>

[Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Grains/Breads Servings in the Summer Food Service Program](#) (USDA):

<https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/tn-grains-pfs-template-sfsp-servings.pdf>

[Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Grains/Breads Servings in the Summer Food Service Program: Completed Sample](#) (USDA):

<https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/tn-sample-pfs-grains-sfsp.pdf>

[Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Meats/Meat Alternates \(M/MA\) in Child Nutrition Programs](#) (USDA):

<https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/tn-mma-pfs-template.pdf>

[Product Formulation Statement for Documenting Meats/Meat Alternates \(M/MA\) in Child Nutrition Programs: Completed Sample](#) (USDA):

<https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/tn-mma-pfs-sample-meats-app.pdf>

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

[Product Formulation Statements](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-documentation-for-the-child-nutrition-programs/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>

[Tips for Evaluating a Manufacturer's Product Formulation Statement](https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/labeling/tips-evaluating-pfs) (USDA):  
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/labeling/tips-evaluating-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.fns.usda.gov/cn/labeling/guidance-accepting-processed-product-documentation)  
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/labeling/guidance-accepting-processed-product-documentation>

[Using Product Formulation Statements in the Summer Food Service Program](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsfp/product_formulation_statements_sfsp.pdf) (CSDE):  
[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsfp/product\\_formulation\\_statements\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsfp/product_formulation_statements_sfsp.pdf)

[What's in a Meal Module 8: Meal Pattern Documentation for Crediting Commercial Processed Products](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/meal-pattern-training-materials#module8) (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](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/mealpattern/when_commercial_grain_products_require_pfs_sfsp.pdf) (CSDE):  
[https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/mealpattern/when\\_commercial\\_grain\\_products\\_require\\_pfs\\_sfsp.pdf](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/instructions\\_production\\_record\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/mealpattern/instructions_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](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](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 Service \(FNS\) Documents and Resources](#) (USDA webpage):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/resources>

[Food and Nutrition Service \(FNS\) Instructions](#) (CSDE):

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/fns-instructions-for-child-nutrition-programs>

[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/lists/operational-memoranda-for-the-sfsp>

# Meal Pattern and Crediting Resources for the Summer Food Service Program

[Policies and Guidance](#) (CSDE's SFSP webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/summer-food-service-program/policies-and-guidance>

[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/creditingfsp/standardized\\_recipe\\_form\\_sfsp.docx](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/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](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program/vegetables-and-fruits#BeansPeasLentils) (“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](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/crediting/credit_beans_peas_lentils_snp.pdf) (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/crediting/credit\\_beans\\_peas\\_lentils\\_snp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/crediting/credit_beans_peas_lentils_snp.pdf)

[Crediting Fruits in the Child Nutrition Programs Tip Sheet](http://https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/crediting-fruits-child-nutrition-programs-tip-sheet) (USDA):

<http://https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/crediting-fruits-child-nutrition-programs-tip-sheet>

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

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/crediting/sfsp/credit\\_juices\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/crediting/sfsp/credit_juices_sfsp.pdf)

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

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/crediting/sfsp/credit\\_smoothies\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/crediting/sfsp/credit_smoothies_sfsp.pdf)

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

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/crediting/sfsp/credit\\_soups\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/crediting/sfsp/credit_soups_sfsp.pdf)

[Crediting Vegetables in Child Nutrition Programs Tip Sheet](https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/crediting-vegetables-child-nutrition-programs-tip-sheet) (USDA):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/crediting-vegetables-child-nutrition-programs-tip-sheet>

[Dried Vegetables](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-the-summer-food-service-program/vegetables-and-fruits#DriedVegetables) (“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](https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Content/TablesFBG/USDA_FBG_Section2_Vegetables.pdf) (USDA):

[https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Content/TablesFBG/USDA\\_FBG\\_Section2\\_Vegetables.pdf](https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/Content/TablesFBG/USDA_FBG_Section2_Vegetables.pdf)

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

[https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/files/Reports/USDA\\_FBG\\_Section2\\_VegetablesYieldTable.pdf](https://foodbuyingguide.fns.usda.gov/files/Reports/USDA_FBG_Section2_VegetablesYieldTable.pdf)

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## [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](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](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.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/PFS\\_Total\\_Veg\\_Fruits\\_Fillable\\_508.pdf](https://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource-files/PFS_Total_Veg_Fruits_Fillable_508.pdf)

## [Requirements for the Vegetables/Fruits Component of the Summer Food Service Program Meal Patterns](#) (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/component\\_vegetables\\_fruits\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/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>

## [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.fns.usda.gov/cn/crediting-pasta-products-made-vegetable-flour-child-nutrition-programs>

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[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.fns.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.fns.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/creditingfsp/resources\\_sfsp\\_meal\\_patterns.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/sfsp/creditingfsp/resources_sfsp_meal_patterns.pdf).



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