

The School Lunch Tray: July 17, 2024

Dear School Sponsors of Child Nutrition Programs:

The School Lunch Tray contains the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) weekly email notifications for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) school nutrition programs. This week's topics are listed below.

Action Items

- None

Need to Know

- Resource Roundup: Summer Meals for Kids Site Finder

Good to Know

- Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) Webinar: Boosting School Budgets with Afterschool Suppers and Snacks, August 1, 2024
- Recorded Webinar Available: Produce Safety University (PSU) Webinar: Destination Specification
- Recorded Webinar Available: Demystify the FBG: A Crash Course for Using the Food Buying Guide

Please review and share with appropriate staff members. For previous versions of the School Lunch Tray, visit the CSDE's [School Lunch Tray and Table Talk](#) webpage.



Need to Know

Resource Roundup: Summer Meals for Kids Site Finder

The USDA's [Summer Meals for Kids Site Finder](#) helps families find nearby summer meal sites for two types of summer meal sites: Eat On-Site and Meals To-Go. Both types of sites offer free meals and snacks to children 18 and younger. Please share this resource with families.

Good to Know

Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) Webinar: Boosting School Budgets with Afterschool Suppers and Snacks, August 1, 2024

This FRAC webinar will showcase how school districts are drawing down funding to create financially viable afterschool nutrition programs, as well as tips and tricks for covering extra staff hours, program structure, and staffing ideas.

- *Date and time:* August 1, 2024, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
 - *Registration:*
<https://frac.peachnewmedia.com/store/seminar/seminar.php?seminar=201500>
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Recorded Webinar Available: Produce Safety University (PSU) Webinar: Destination Specification

The recording of the June 2024 [PSU Webinar: Destination Specification!](#) is now available. This webinar features Food Safety Specialists from the USDA-FNS Food Safety Branch leading a discussion with experts from the produce industry, school food service, and USDA-AMS produce procurement. Participants will hear from these experts on best practices for developing and using specifications, real-world tips and tricks, and perspectives from different sides of the produce supply chain.

Recorded Webinar Available: Demystify the FBG: A Crash Course for Using the Food Buying Guide

The recording of the Culinary Institute of Child Nutrition (CICN) June 2024 webinar, [Demystify the FBG: A Crash Course for Using the Food Buying Guide](#), is now available. This session is designed to enhance participants' understanding and efficiency in using the FBG to its fullest potential. It also helps participants to streamline their meal planning and ensure dietary guidelines are met with precision.

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For more information, visit the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) [School Lunch Tray and Table Talk](#) webpage, or contact the [school nutrition programs 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/SLT/2024/SLT_07_17_2024.pdf.

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