

## The School Lunch Tray: July 23, 2025

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**

- None

### **Good to Know**

- New Food Yields Added to Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs
- Resource Roundup: USDA's Back to School Webpage



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.

### Good to Know

#### **New Food Yields Added to Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs**

The USDA recently added food yields to the [Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs \(FBG\) Interactive Web-based Tool](#) and the [FBG Mobile App](#). The following new foods are now available in the FBG: Crushed pineapple, pineapple chunks, pineapple tidbits, dried mangoes, açai puree, dragon fruit (pitaya), and chopped romaine lettuce.

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#### **Resource Roundup: USDA's Back to School Webpage**

The USDA's [Back to School](#) webpage provides links to a variety of resources for the school nutrition programs. Topics include menu planning, nutrition education, and school meal promotion resources that support the updates to the school nutrition standards.

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For more information, visit the Connecticut State Department of Education's [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/2025/slt\\_07\\_23\\_2025.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/slt/2025/slt_07_23_2025.pdf).

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