

The School Lunch Tray: January 13, 2021

Dear School Sponsors of Child Nutrition Programs:

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

- USDA Foods Update: New Process for Ordering Excess USDA Foods for the Current School Year (SY 21)
- Web-Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) Log-in Information
- Put Local on Your Tray's "ROOTing for Winter" Campaign for 2020-21
- Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Webinar on January 26, 2021: The Important Contribution of School Nutrition Programs to Student Mental Health,
- Report from the Food Research & Action Center (FRAC): April 2020: A Snapshot of Participation During COVID-19

Please review and share with appropriate staff members. Thank you.



USDA Foods Update: New Process for Ordering Excess USDA Foods for the Current School Year (SY 21)

The Connecticut Food Distribution Program (FDP) has been asking Recipient Agencies (RAs) to look closely at their current inventory in the HPC warehouse by reviewing the weekly allocation report, assessing usage so far this school year, and reviewing remaining inventory in the HPC warehouse. The FDP has also asked RAs that have identified excess USDA Foods at HPC to complete and submit a Request to Donate USDA Foods form. Thanks to everyone who has assisted with this new process.

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The information below summarizes the procedures for donating and requesting excess USDA Foods. Please note that there are two different forms: **Request to Donate USDA Foods** (in red) and **Request to Order USDA Foods** (in green). **Please be sure to submit the correct form.**

Donating Excess USDA Foods

As we begin 2021 and expect a few more trucks at HPC, please continue to review allocation reports and assess inventory. The FDP will continue to accept the **Request to Donate USDA Foods Form** on an ongoing basis. Please bookmark this page as “HPC Donations” for easy access.

Requesting Excess USDA Foods

For the remainder of this school year, the FDP will accept RA requests on a monthly basis to order excess USDA Foods. RAs will submit orders using the **Request to Order USDA Foods Form**. *This form lists all USDA Foods in Connecticut, but not all foods will available to order every month.*

- On the second Wednesday of every month, the School Lunch Tray will contain a list of all available USDA Foods material codes and descriptions that can be ordered for that month. *Please do **not** submit orders for foods that are not listed.*
- There is a 12 case total minimum for each request. Cases can include different material codes. For example, a RA could order four cases of cheese and eight cases of applesauce (12 cases total).
- RAs have one week to submit orders, which are due by the end of business on the third Wednesday of every month.
- The FDP will not process orders of less than 12 cases; orders of material codes that are not available for the month; and orders received after the third Wednesday of the month.
- If orders exceed the available product, the FDP will randomize the orders. RAs might receive all, some, or none of their order based on availability and order randomization. The FDP will notify RAs by e-mail if any requests cannot be filled.
- A receipt will be provided for products received. The receipt will indicate the total number of cases being transferred into the RA’s account, and the average value per case of received items. These items will be entitlement free, but the HPC delivery fee of \$4.50 per case still applies. These transfers should show up on the RA’s HPC allocation reports within one month.

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Note: RAs must have a current Direct Delivery account with HPC in order to submit a request. A USDA DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable account is not the same as a Direct Delivery account. If you do not have a Direct Delivery account with HPC but would like to order some of the available USDA Foods, please contact the [FDP staff](#) for assistance.

January's List of Available Foods

Please submit orders by end of business on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. The next order date will be Wednesday, February 10, 2021. Please contact the [FDP Team](#) with any questions.

Beans
100360 - Garbanzo Beans Can-6/10:
100364 - Vegetarian Beans Can-6/10:
Dairy
100002 - Shredded White Cheddar Cheese Bag-6/5 LB:
111110 - Yellow Cheddar Cheese Slices PKG-12 LB:
100034 - Lite Shredded Mozzarella Cheese FRZ Box-30 LB:
100022 - Part Skim Mozzarella Cheese FRZ LVS-8/6 LB:
111220 - Pepper Jack Shredded Cheese PKG-4/5 LB:
100019 - White Cheese Slices LVS-6/5 LB:
100018 - Yellow Cheese Slices LVS-6/5 LB:
Fish
100195 - Tuna Chunk Light Can-6/66.5OZ:
Fruits and Juices
110541 - Unsweetened Applesauce Can-6/10:
100242 - Wild Frozen Blueberries CTN-8/3 LB:
110859 - Mixed Berry Frozen Cup-96/4 OZ:
100212 - Mixed Fruit Can-6/10:
110651 - Orange Juice Cup FRZ-96/4 OZ:
100220 - Diced Cling Peaches Can-6/10:
100225 - Diced Pears EX LT Can-6/10:
100293 - Raisins Box-144/1.33 OZ:
100256 - Strawberry Frozen Cup-96/4.5 OZ:
110860 - Strawberry Slices UNSWT IQF-CTN-6/5 LB:
Meat
110346 - 100% Beef Patty (90/10) FRZ 2.0 MMA CTN-40 LB:
100134 - Beef Crumbles W/SPP PKG-4/10 LB:
100158 - Fine Ground Beef FRZ CTN-40 LB:
110711 - Beef Patty CKD FRZ 2.0 MMA CTN-40 LB:
110348 - Soy Beef Patty 85/15 FRZ 2.0 MMA CTN-40 LB:

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Pork
110730 - Pulled Pork CKD PKG-8/5 LB:
Poultry
100098 - Cut-Up Frozen Chicken CTN-40 LB:
100101 - Diced Chicken CTN-40 LB:
100117 - Chicken Fajita Strips CTN-30 LB:
110921 - Unbreaded Chicken Fillets FRZ CTN-30 LB:
110462 - Chicken Strips FRZ CTN-30 LB:
110931 - Round Egg Patty FRZ CTN-25 LB:
Vegetables
111054 - Frozen Green Beans CTN-12/2 LB:
110473 - Broccoli FRZ CTN-30 LB:
111052 - Diced Carrots FRZ CTN-12/2 LB:
111053 - Frozen Corn CTN-12/2.5 LB:
100313 - Whole Kernel Corn (LIQ) Can-6/10:
111230 - Frozen Mixed Vegetables CTN-6/5 LB:
100357 - Oven Fry Potatoes PKG-6/5 LB:
100355 - Potato Wedges FRZ PKG-6/5 LB:
110721 - Crinkle Sweet Potatoes FRZ PKG-6/5 LB:
110186 - Tomato Salsa Pouch-6/106 OZ:

Web-Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) Log-in Information

As of the morning of December 30, 2020, some WBSCM users may be encountering log-in errors when accessing the WBSCM Portal due to the retirement of the following eAuth link: <https://www.eauth.usda.gov/eauth/b/usda/redirect>. To resolve this issue, please use the steps below:

1. **Manually** type the following URL into the browser address bar:
<https://portal.wbscm.usda.gov>.
2. Type in your eAuth log-in credentials.
3. After successful log-in, bookmark the new link. **Note:** It is important to create the new bookmark only **after** successfully logging in to WBSCM.

Find the latest news and alerts on the [WBSCM Home](#) page, Visit the [WBSCM Service Desk Portal](#) for WBSCM self-service functions. If you are unable to log in after following the steps above, please contact the WBSCM Help Desk.

- Phone: 877-WBSCM-4U or 877-927-2648
- Email: WBSCM.servicedesk@CACI.com

Put Local on Your Tray’s “ROOTing for Winter” Campaign for 2020-21

UConn Extension’s Farm to School project, *Put Local on Your Tray*, is running the campaign [ROOTing for Winter](#) to promote local seasonal root vegetables. Connecticut schools can [sign up to receive free materials](#) to include in to-go meal service. Schools can find locally grown carrots, beets, potatoes and more roots in the [Find Farms](#) section. Contact shannon.raider@uconn.edu with any questions about getting involved, finding products or materials, and sharing how **you** are ROOTing for Winter!

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Webinar on January 26, 2021: The Important Contribution of School Nutrition Programs to Student Mental Health

This free webinar will be presented on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. EST. Food insecurity has been associated with adverse childhood experiences or trauma. Learn more about how school nutrition programs are an essential service to support positive mental and physical growth and development in children. As the co-chairs of the California Local School Wellness Policy collaborative, the speakers will share how school wellness policy collaboratives provide the infrastructure needed to support youth wellness and share resources you can use to for your school district school wellness policy work.

Speakers:

- Alyson Foote, RDN, Food Systems and Access Program Manager
- Crystal Young, Nutrition Education Consultant, California Department of Education

[Registration Information](#)

Report from the Food Research & Action Center (FRAC): April 2020: A Snapshot of Participation During COVID-19

This [report](#) focuses on total breakfasts, lunches, suppers, and snacks served in April 2020 through the school, summer, and afterschool nutrition programs compared to April 2019 to explore the impact of COVID-19 on meal program access. It also analyzes the reach of free and reduced-price meals to better understand the impact of COVID-19 on low-income children. The significant efforts in all states to operate meal sites helped mitigate the drop in the number of meals served in April 2020 compared to April 2019, but millions of children still lost access to these meals that are essential to reducing childhood hunger and supporting children’s health, learning, and development.



For more information, visit the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) [School Lunch Tray Table Talk](#) webpage, or contact the [school nutrition programs staff](#) in the CSDE's Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 504, Hartford, CT 06103-1841.

This document is available at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/Training/TableTalk/SLT_01_13_2021.pdf.

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