



This information is to keep you informed of any changes in policies and procedures and of new communication originating from the State Office this month.

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Attachments with this issue:

[USDA Summer Meals Newsletter for April 2019](#)



The **2019 Business of Numbers and Nutrition Conference** is 2 months away and you don't want to miss out! The conference promises to offer the latest legislative updates, education sessions and networking. This year we are featuring peer group collaboration sessions to discuss common concerns in operating federal Child Nutrition Programs.

Find more information, registration and agenda by clicking [here](#).

## Policy News

### *USDA Policy Memo*

**SP17-2019** - *Community Eligibility Provision: Statutory Annual Notification and Publication Requirements and SY 2019-20 Election Deadline* can be found [here](#).





### New! **Help TDA Tell Your Story**

Attention all child nutrition directors participating in TDA's Farm Fresh Initiative — TDA has two unique opportunities for you to share your story!

#### **Opportunity #1**

Be a panelist in a session at the Business of Numbers and Nutrition conference about direct purchasing relationships between child nutrition directors and Texas farmers and ranchers. This panel will explore what makes a successful relationship work and discuss some of the barriers of getting started.

#### **Opportunity #2**

Share your story of success in a new Farm Fresh video series. TDA plans to create a new video to highlight successful purchasing relationships between farmers, ranchers, and school districts, to show others across the state how the Farm Fresh Initiative benefits the local economy and supports good nutrition.

To indicate your interest in one or both of these opportunities, please complete this [short interest survey](#).

### **Stay Connected — Subscribe to TDA's Farm Fresh E-Harvest**

This new sletter provides a monthly update on farm to school and includes resources such as funding opportunities, a schedule of upcoming trainings and webinars, and more. Archive issues of the E-Harvest are available [here](#). **Subscribe today!**

### **Registration is Now Open for the 2019 Farm Fresh Challenge!**

**Eat Local. Teach Local. and Be Social.** this October with schools across the state! Have fun and earn recognition for your efforts to serve more local foods and teach students the importance of Texas agriculture.

[Pledge Now](#)

Participating schools will receive a toolkit of Farm Fresh materials, including a choice of buttons, stickers or static clings for the celebration in October.

Register by **July 15th** to ensure you receive your Farm Fresh materials before September 1. Learn more about the [Farm Fresh Challenge](#) and [pledge participation here](#).

Please reach out to TDA at [FarmFresh@TexasAgriculture.gov](mailto:FarmFresh@TexasAgriculture.gov) with any questions or for additional information."

Connect with your partners at TDA today at [FarmFresh@TexasAgriculture.gov](mailto:FarmFresh@TexasAgriculture.gov).

## Resources

### **Summer Materials**

Child Nutrition Directors (CNDs), Principals and Superintendent should be receiving [sample](#) packets at their districts soon. This packet is for reference only and is not intended to be utilized for anyone other than the person's title on the label. Since most of the CND's have received the [sample](#) packets the district bulk shipment will now be mailed.

CNDs should have received a customized email from TDA via Constant Contact on Wednesday, 3/13/2019 which indicated which address the bulk shipment will be delivered to. If you received that email and you need to redirect the shipment to arrive at a different address please [email Outreach](#) directly with your district name, CND name, CE ID# and the address in which you would like the shipment to be sent.

Federal regulations require School Food Authorities (SFA) who participate in to notify families about the availability of SFSP meals even if the SFA does not serve meals. For more information [click here](#) to read the Summer Requirement Handout.

### **Menu Calendar Templates for 2019-20 School Year**



The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) has created fun and informative new menu calendar templates for the 2019-2020 school year. Each month, an exciting superhero makes a healthy school meal fun and engaging for students and families.

These menu calendar templates are now available for download online at [Squaremeals.org/menucalendars](https://squaremeals.org/menucalendars). TDA is responding to your feedback and offering each customizable menu calendar template in both English and Spanish. Based on your input, templates are available as new, easy to use PowerPoint files to address many of the previous issues with formatting, readability, and print quality.

If you have any questions, please contact TDA at [Outreach@TexasAgriculture.gov](mailto:Outreach@TexasAgriculture.gov).

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