



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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CE Edition

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Policy News

USDA Policy Memos

SP31-2019s - *Farm Bill Implementation Memo - Donated Traditional Foods and Civil Liability* can be found [here](#).

Now Available - The Exhibit A Grains Tool Part 2

A new enhancement to the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs Interactive Web-Based Tool, Part 2 of the Exhibit A Grains Tool, is now available. The first release of the Exhibit A Grains Tool on June 10th allows users to search their grain product (as listed on Exhibit A) and enter in the serving size as listed on the product label. The tool determines the ounce equivalent (oz eq) grains or grains/bread serving(s) for the grain product. The second part to the Exhibit A Grains Tool includes an additional capability to determine the number of servings a program needs to serve to obtain a specific meal pattern contribution. Stay tuned for the release of the completed Exhibit A Grains Tool in the Mobile App this summer!



Check out the [Exhibit A Grains Tool](#) today.

Feeding Infants in the CACFP Guide New Available in Print

The USDA's Feeding Infants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program Team Nutrition initiative is excited to announce the Feeding Infants in the Child and Adult Care Food Program guide is now available in print!

This new guide can be ordered through USDA [here](#). Print materials are available for free to State agencies, sponsoring organizations, child care centers, and family day care homes that participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program. To inquire about bulk orders please send an email to teamnutrition@usda.gov.

All others are welcome to download the guide.

This guide supports Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) operators in implementing the CACFP infant meal pattern requirements and best practices for infant feeding, including information on:

- CACFP infant meal pattern
- Developmental readiness for solid foods
- Hunger and fullness signs
- Handling and storing breastmilk and infant formula
- Creditable foods, and more!

Texas Farm Fresh Initiative



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.

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 Fridays materials before September 1.

[Pledge Now](#)

Learn more about the Farm Fresh Challenge and pledge participation [here](#).

Please reach out to TDA at FarmFresh@TexasAgriculture.gov with any questions or for additional information.

USDA Foods Updates

Entitlement Balance Adjustment

On Tuesday, July 23, 2019, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) will adjust the PY 2018-2019 entitlement balances for the Contracting Entities (CEs) who participated in Further Processing and/or Farm to School as part of the end of year reconciliation. TDA will adjust the per-pound/per-case cost for the weighted average of the Further Processing and Farm to School items listed [here](#). These adjustments will result in an overall impact to entitlement balances for PY 2018-2019.



ACTION REQUIRED:

Please log in to TX-UNPS and open your 2018-2019 Weekly Commodity Bulletin (Food Distribution Program > Reports > Weekly Commodity Bulletin > Program Year: 2018-2019 > Create Report) to review the balances of your Beginning Entitlement, Processing Reserved – Used, Processing Reserved – Remaining, and Entitlement Remaining.

Since these adjustments will result in an overall impact to the final entitlement values for the program year, it is imperative that the Weekly Commodity Bulletin is reviewed and printed prior to and after the adjustments are made. School Food Service Directors should provide copies of the 2018-2019 Weekly Commodity Bulletin, prior and post adjustment, to their business office with a copy of this e-mail for auditing purposes.

First PY 2019-2020 Inventory Allocation

For Regular USDA Foods, TDA will be conducting the first PY 2019-2020 inventory allocation the afternoon of Thursday, August 8, 2019. School Food Service Directors are encouraged to check the "Free Storage" section of their Weekly Commodity Bulletin the following morning for allocated cases.

For Farm to School Participating CEs only – The first allocation of fresh produce will be conducted by COB, Tuesday, August 20, 2019. School Food Service Directors can begin preparing Delivery Orders in TX-UNPS to help the TDA Contracted Warehouse teams deliver the following week while the produce is at peak freshness.

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