

School's Out!



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SUMMER MEALS NEWSLETTER

Upcoming USDA and Partner Events

Summer Meals Matter call: Developing Marketing Plans for Summer Outreach

December 2, 2017

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

Presented by Food, Research
& Action Center (FRAC)



2017 Turnip the Beet Award:



Nominations from State agencies are due to FNS Regional offices by November 17, 2017

The Turnip the Beet Awards recognize outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors across the nation who work hard to offer high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious during the summer months. Sponsors may nominate themselves. Contact your State agency for deadlines and more information.

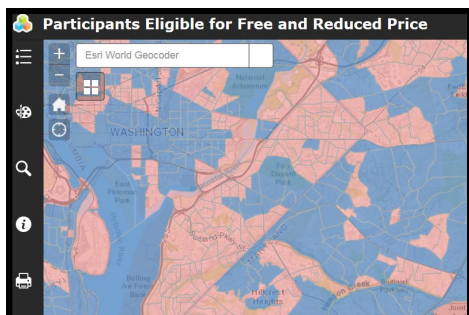
Farm to School Grant Applications Are Now Open!



Completed applications must be submitted on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by 11:59pm ET on December 8, 2017

Have you considered adding local foods to your Summer Meal Service? Farm to School is a great way to introduce kids to local foods and support local businesses. Sponsors may be eligible to apply for the USDA Farm to School Grant Program to support their Summer Meals program.

Planning for 2018? Remember to use FNS's Mapping Tools



Area Eligibility Mapper

At the start of every fiscal year, FNS releases a special tabulation of data provided by the Census Bureau that establishes area eligibility. The map allows users to confirm eligibility of summer meal sites by accessing census tract and census block group (CBG) data. These data are effective as of Oct. 1, 2017. To learn more about using census data for establishing area eligibility for SFSP sites, please see our [policy guidance](#).

Capacity Builder

This map allows users to visualize “layers” of information, such as the area eligibility data, existing sites and potential site locations (multi-family housing units, libraries, museums, and schools and more). The Capacity Builder is a powerful tool for State agencies and sponsors to evaluate previous summer’s performance as well as identify areas where there are gaps in summer meal access.

Rural Designation Tool

This map allows State agencies and sponsors to determine if a proposed site may be designated as rural for purposes of identifying a site as eligible for increased reimbursement in SFSP.

Now Available!

The Spanish Version of the
2017 SFSP Supervisor Guide

