

SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS & SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM



SCHOOL YEAR 2026-27



This calendar provides information about deadlines, trainings, and other requirements related to School Nutrition Programs and Summer Food Service Program. Please note the calendar is intended to be a helpful tool, but it does not provide a comprehensive list of all important items. You will receive further communication from Child and Adult Nutrition Services throughout the program year. We hope this calendar makes your job a bit easier!



The **Farm to School Harvest of the Month** resources are designed to support South Dakota child nutrition professionals in educating students and families about locally grown foods while encouraging their incorporation into school meal programs. Featuring 15 different foods grown across the state, each food has a fact sheet (some tailored with community-specific information). Child nutrition professionals are encouraged to highlight one featured local food each month on their menus, reinforcing the connection between classroom learning, community agriculture, and school nutrition.



Acronyms and terms used in this calendar:

- CANS:** Child and Adult Nutrition Services
- CEP:** Community Eligibility Provision
- DOE:** South Dakota Department of Education
- FDP:** Food Distribution Program or USDA Foods in Schools
- FFVP:** Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
- F/R App:** Free and Reduced Applications
- FSMC:** Food Service Management Company
- iCAN:** Online application, claim, and review system
- IEG:** Income Eligibility Guidelines
- iMATCH:** Direct Certification, menu planning, and production online system
- NSLP:** National School Lunch Program
- SFSP:** Summer Food Service Program
- SNA:** School Nutrition Association (national)
- SNA SD:** School Nutritional Association of South Dakota
- SSO:** Seamless Summer Option
- USDA:** U.S. Department of Agriculture

Annual requirements:

- Civil Rights training for all staff involved in program administration and operation
- Complete annual Professional Standards Training hours
- Evaluate your Local Wellness Policy
- Review, update, and sign your Food Safety Standard Operating Procedures plan
- Assess Nonprogram Food prices and use the revenue tool (for a la cart, seconds, adult meals)
- Review and update procurement plans
- Complete two kitchen inspections by year-end



Reminder:
SNP application open in
iCAN for new school year

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 - SNP iCAN application due date for 12-month programs - New F/R Apps, IEGs, and reimbursement rates go into effect	2	3 State offices closed	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SNA Annual National Conference, Charlotte, NC						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



Harvest of the Month

- Beets
- Radish
- Raspberry
- Rubarb
- Watermelon
- Cantaloupe

- Beef
- Bison
- Poultry
- Dairy
- Oats
- Wheat

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AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	USDA Foods order opens in iCAN for September delivery					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	USDA Foods order closes in iCAN for September delivery				SNP iCAN application due (opened in April)	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				CHECK IN WITH CANS 2:30 p.m. CT/1:30 p.m. MT		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31				Annual Financial Statements due	

Harvest of the Month

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This month:
Student carryover eligibility ends
30 operating days into school year

SEPTEMBER

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		1	2	3	4	5
				CHECK IN WITH CANS  2:30 p.m. CT/1:30 p.m. MT		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	State offices closed	USDA Foods order opens in iCAN for October delivery				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
• SD Crunch Off Starts • Farm to School Patrick Leahy grant application announcement, pending USDA grant funding		• USDA Foods order closes in iCAN for Oct. delivery • Afterschool Snack On-Site Monitoring review #1 due		Verification Process Training 2:30 p.m. (CST)		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			
SFSP End of program year						



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• Poultry

• Dairy

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• Oats

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• Pumpkin

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OCTOBER

- Begin verification of school meal application process
- Verification Report: Count F/R applications today
- **SFSP** start of new program year



2:30 p.m. CT / 1:30 p.m. MT



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This Month:
Begin planning for SFSP

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 - Begin forecasting needed food quantities and planning for following year procurement needs - Begin planning for SFSP, SSO, or summer school extension to NSLP/ SBP	4	5 CHECK IN WITH CANS 2:30 p.m. CT/1:30 p.m. MT	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 - Verification of F/R Applications report due in iCAN - Independent Review of Applications report due if notified by CANS	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	SFSP training Save the Date				
		State offices closed				



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This Month:
Enjoy your holiday break!

DECEMBER

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		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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JANUARY

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					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	- USDA Foods order opens in iCAN for February delivery - SFSP training announcements sent to sponsors (new, experienced, and site)	- Update specifications for next year's procurement - FSMC contract planning begins	FDP Pre-Survey for next school year opens (tentative)	CHECK IN WITH CANS 2:30 p.m. CT/1:30 p.m. MT		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	USDA Foods order closes in iCAN for February delivery					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	State offices closed		FDP Pre-Survey for next school year closes (tentative)			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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FEBRUARY

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	1 SNP On-Site Monitoring Due (Multi-Site Schools)	2 • School Free and Reduced Percentage data shared (based on Oct. data) by CANS • SFSP FDP entitlement allocation order forms sent out (tentative) • Afterschool Snack On-Site Monitoring review #2 is due	3 USDA Foods order opens in iCAN for March delivery	4 FDP Annual Survey Opens for next school year in iCAN 	5	6
7	8	9	10 USDA Foods order closes in iCAN for March delivery	11	12	13
14	15 State offices closed	16	17	18	19 SFSP training registration deadline for all new and experienced sponsors (tentative)	20
21	22 FDP Annual Survey for next school year closes	23 SFSP FDP orders due (tentative)	24	25	26 SFSP New Sponsor program inquiry deadline	27
28						



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MARCH

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	1 - USDA Foods order opens April delivery - Begin annual interagency agreements and colony contracts (due June 30)	2	3 SFSP required Administrative Training for Experienced Sponsors (tentative)	4 CHECK IN WITH CANS 2:30 p.m. CT / 1:30 p.m. MT	5	6
		National School Breakfast Week				
7	8 - USDA Foods order closes in iCAN for April delivery - FFVP request for application from nonparticipating sites	9 SFSP required Administration training for New Sponsors (tentative)	10 SFSP Grab and Go training for New Sponsors (tentative)	11 SNP SSO training date (tentative)	12	13
14	15 Receive FSMC renewal package, complete, submit for preapproval and no later than June 30	16	17	18	19 SFSP and SSO applications open in iCAN (tentative)	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Audits are due (or 9 months from end of fiscal year)			

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APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 • CEP report opens • Assess student paid lunch prices for next SY CHECK IN WITH CANSSOUTH DAKOTA2:30 p.m. CT/1:30 p.m. MT	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	USDA Foods order opens in iCAN for May delivery	SFSP sponsor reminder—open site location notification required to your community			CEP reports due	
11	12 • FFVP iCAN application open (tentative) • SNP iCAN application open (tentative) • USDA Foods order closes in iCAN for May delivery	13	14	15	16	17
					SFSP site operation training available on Canvas (tentative)	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		SFSP applications must be approved for summer operation	FFVP awards granted		SSO or extended summer school NSLP/ SBP meal service iCAN application updates due	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	State offices closed 31				SFSP sponsor conducted staff training must be completed	



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JUNE

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		SFSP and SSO complete on-site monitoring		CHECK IN WITH CANS2:30 p.m. CT / 1:30 p.m. MT	SFSP sponsor review notifications sent (tentative)	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Pathways to Child Nutrition Conference					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
					State offices closed	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



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