

## Check in with CANS

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## Welcome!

### All Program Reminders or Updates:

- **Register NOW for a Farm to School (F2S) Buyer Grower Conference near you.** Don't miss out on this daylong conference to build and strengthen your farm to school program. Gary Fehr, co-founder of Green School Farms near Lincoln, NE is the keynote speaker for both conferences. His presentation "Making Your Farm to School Landscape Bloom" will highlight his experience as a grower, and how he has branched out and now assists schools with starting or strengthening their farm to school programs.
  - Education session include:
    - Food Safety in a Farm to School Program,
    - Getting your Farm to School Program off the Ground
    - Cost Effective Local Procurement—How to Buy Local.
    - A highlight of the conference is scheduled one on one time with growers.
  - **Registration NOW.** Two conference sites are available. Jan. 20 in Huron, SD and Feb. 17, in Rapid City. The conference runs from 8am-5pm.
    - Visit the [F2S website](#) for details and updates.
    - A registration fee is required to cover the costs of meals and snacks for the day.
    - A \$250 stipend is available for attendees who attend the entire day of the conference.
- **Claim Reminders and Deadlines.** Claims are due in the iCAN system on the 10<sup>th</sup> day following the claim month. Claims will be locked in "view only" on the next business day until claims are processed. Please be sure to get your claims submitted in a timely manner. Final claim for reimbursement shall be submitted in the iCAN system no later than 60 days following the last day of the full month covered by the claim. Visit <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/documents/ClaimsDates-0821.pdf> for claim due dates.
- **SP 07-2025, CACFP 07-2025 – Requirement to Accept Medical Statements from Registered Dietitians for Schools and Child and Adult Care Institutions and Facilities.** [SP 07-2025, CACFP 07-2025 Memo.](#)  
As a part of the updated meal pattern requirements that were released in April 2024, changes were made to special diet requirements. Specifically, around who can sign off on those forms as a medical authority. Registered Dietitians were added to the list of allowable medical professionals who can sign meal modification request forms. This change will become effective on July 1, 2025. In anticipation of this change, USDA has released a question-and-answer document. You can view the questions and answers at the link above. If you have additional questions, please reach out to CANS.
- **USDA Request for Information – Child Nutrition Programs Tribal Pilot Projects.** The USDA is requesting feedback to guide the development of the Child Nutrition Programs Tribal Pilot Projects, authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024. These projects will allow Tribes or Tribal organizations to administer one or more child nutrition programs, taking on responsibilities typically handled by state agencies. Input from Tribes, Tribal organizations, state agencies, and other stakeholders will help shape the application process, eligibility requirements, and selection criteria for these projects, supporting Tribal sovereignty in managing child nutrition programs. Additional details are available on the [FNS website](#), and

comments can be submitted through the [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#). Comments are due by March 24, 2025.

- **USDA Request for Information – Grain-Based Desserts and High-Protein Yogurt Crediting in the Child Nutrition Programs.** In 2023, the USDA proposed limiting grain-based desserts in school breakfasts to two ounce equivalents per week to align with NSLP lunch guidelines. However, after public feedback raised concerns about limiting breakfast options, the USDA removed the limit in the final 2024 rule and committed to re-evaluating and simplifying grain-based dessert requirements with additional partner input. Additionally, with the growing availability of high-protein yogurts like Greek yogurt, the USDA is seeking further public feedback on whether these yogurts should be credited differently in Child Nutrition Programs to ensure requirements reflect current market trends. Additional details are available on the [FNS website](#), and comments can be submitted through the [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#). Comments are due by March 26, 2025.
- **Pathways to Child Nutrition Programs Success – Save the Date!** June 9-13, 2025, Brandon, SD! Sessions will offer expert instruction in important areas within Child Nutrition Programs. Registration will be coming soon – so keep your eye out! This year, we are expanding our conference to include the CACFP as well!
- **Update iCAN Applications.** Has your organization had any staffing changes recently? If so, please don't forget to update the iCAN application. Making these updates informs our office to remove inactive staff's access to iCAN and helps ensure that our office communications are sent to the correct people. If any changes are made to the application, please don't forget to submit the application for approval so our office can approve the changes.

### **Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Reminders or Updates:**

- **CACFP 05-2025 – Grain Requirements in the CACFP; Questions and Answers**
  - At least one serving of grains per day must be whole grain rich.
  - A whole-grain rich product has a grain content between 50 and 100 percent whole grain with the remaining grains being enriched. [CACFP 05-2025 Memo](#)
- **CACFP 06-2025 – Feeding Infants and Meal Pattern Requirements in the CACFP; Questions and Answers**
  - April 25, 2024, The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) published the final rule, "*Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans*" (89 FR 31962), to better align program nutrition requirements for consistency with the goals of the most recent edition of the Dietary Guidelines. [2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines](#).
  - This rule seeks to better align CACFP nutrition requirements with school meal requirements to simplify operations for institutions and facilities that operate both programs. The provisions in the 2024 final rule apply to infant feeding in the CACFP, including improvements to the nutritional quality of program meals supporting cultural food preferences. [CACFP 06-2025 Memo](#)

### **School Nutrition Program (SNP) Reminders or Updates:**

- **Net Cash Resources.** Letters were sent out the end of December. If you received a letter, please have your spend down plan submitted by Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. You can email them to Stacey Booth at [stacey.booth@state.sd.us](mailto:stacey.booth@state.sd.us). If you have any questions, please reach out to Stacey.

- **Equipment Grants.** CANS is in the process of posting our equipment grant application for the current school year. Information on the application and process will be sent out via CANS News next week. Applications will be due to be postmarked no later than February 14, 2025.
- **SY25-26 Meal Pattern Updates Reminders:**  
Added Sugars:  
 Product-based limits that will be implemented by school year 2025-2026 (beginning July 1, 2025):
  - Breakfast cereals may have no more than 6 grams of added sugars per dry ounce.
  - Yogurt may have no more than 12 grams of added sugars per 6 ounces (2 grams of added sugars per ounce).
  - Flavored milk may have no more than 10 grams of added sugars per 8 fluid ounces or, for flavored milk sold as a competitive food for middle and high schools, 15 grams of added sugars per 12 fluid ounces.
 Afterschool Snacks:
  - July 1, 2025, the final rule updates NSLP afterschool snacks meal pattern requirements for K-12 children to align with [CACFP snack requirements](#).
  - Makes two minor changes to the snack meal pattern. To apply a weekly (rather than daily) juice limit and adds a whole grain-rich requirement to NSLP.

### **USDA Foods in School/Food Distribution Program Reminders or Updates: (Darcy)**

- The Pre-Survey is open in Microsoft Forms and is a list of available USDA Foods for the 25-26 school year. This survey is an opportunity for all School Food Authorities (SFA) to provide input on what items to include in the Annual Survey that is released in February. If there is not enough interest in a product from the Pre-Survey, the item will not be listed on the Annual Survey and cannot be brought into the State contracted warehouse for school year 25-26 USDA Foods orders. While this survey is voluntary, we do encourage each SFA to take this opportunity and complete the Pre-Survey to provide CANS with valuable feedback.

**Pre-Survey Link:** <https://forms.office.com/g/RcpWuCdB1x>

**Deadline:** The deadline to complete the survey is **January 23, 2025**.

- DoD Fresh/FFAVORS representatives will be hosting a call for South Dakota schools on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. CT/1:30 p.m. MT. This call will provide each district the opportunity to voice any concerns with the DoD Fresh/FFAVORS program. If you have not received a Microsoft Teams meeting request, please email Darcy Beougher ([Darcy.Beougher@state.sd.us](mailto:Darcy.Beougher@state.sd.us)) and the link will be forwarded to you.

### **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and SNP Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Reminders or Updates:**

- **The 2025 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Administrative Training registration is now open! Please register by February 3, 2025.**

Registration Link: <https://forms.office.com/g/8m7GUbTDwi>

*\*\*Registration includes SFSP banner request, and the registration will also be posted on the SFSP website under the Training tab.\*\**

- **SFSP Experienced Sponsor Training** (online only) will be on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM CST.

- **SFSP Grab and Go Training** (in-person only) will be held at the Department of Education on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM CST.
  - **As a reminder**, this meal service option is for experienced sponsors that have successfully operated SFSP congregate meal service for at least 1 summer, and plan to operate grab and go at their site(s).
- **SFSP New Sponsor Training** (in-person only) will be held at the Department of Education on Thursday, March 13, 2025, from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM CST.

**Upcoming Trainings or Calls:**

- **Check in with CANS Zoom calls** occur on the first Thursday of each month at 2:30pm CT / 1:30pm MT. Check-in with CANS calls months and dates for this year:

Feb	6	May	1
Mar	6	June <i>tentative</i>	5
Apr	3		

[Zoom link](#) for SY2024-25 – Meeting ID: 984 7563 6311, Passcode: 317903

- **On Demand Training From CANS:** We are transitioning all trainings into the DOE online professional development platform and removing them from the CANS websites. Current training videos can be found at <https://sded.sd.gov/>. Use the categories drop down to select Child and Adult Nutrition Services to filter training options. Enroll in your selected training videos. If you are looking for old *Crash Course with CANS* training videos, they are all under Crash Course with CANS simply enroll to access the entire list of short training videos.

**Thank you for joining us today and for your service feeding children across South Dakota!**