

## Check in with CANS

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## Welcome!

### All Program Reminders or Updates:

- **Staff Update (Mikayla)**
  
- **Farm to School (Janelle)**
  - **Last Chance to Register for the Farm to School (F2S) Buyer Grower Conference in Rapid City on Feb. 17.** 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
        - Destiny Durham and Randy McCann will be sharing their amazing program at Youth and Family Services
      - Cost Effective Local Procurement—How to Buy Local.
      - A highlight of the conference is scheduled one on one time with growers.
    - **Registration closes on Feb. 10 at 9am. The conference runs from 8am-5pm.**
      - Visit the [F2S website](#) for details and updates.
      - A \$60 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.
    - **NEW on the [F2S website](#): F2S Communication Toolkit for Buyers**
      - Print Information on: Building a Farm to School Team, Menu Planning, Procurement, and Marketing
    - **Fun Fact:** According to the 2023 F2S Census, the top 5 most purchased local foods are: Beef, Milk, Apples, Poultry, and Watermelon.
  
- **Annual October Free and Reduced-Price School Site Eligibility Report Released for SY2024-2025 (Melissa):**

Posted on the CANS website under the Documents section, the link is called [October 2024 Site Enrollment List](#)
  
- **Pathways to Child Nutrition Programs Success – Save the Date! (Melissa):** June 9-12, 2025 in Brandon, SD! We are working quickly on finalizing a schedule and are hopeful to have registration released in the next few weeks - so keep your eye out! This year, we are expanding our conference to include the CACFP as well! Parts of the CACFP offerings at Pathways will fulfill all annual training requirements for PY24-25.

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

- **National CACFP Week March 16-22, 2025**
  - o A campaign designated to raise awareness of how the USDA’s Child and Adult Care food Program combats hunger.
  - o Theme: Trying New Foods!
- **Annual Training Requirements Reminder.** CACFP training requirements must be completed by September 30<sup>th</sup> each year. We are encouraging agencies to continue to complete their required training throughout the year to avoid missing the deadline. Once you have completed the training you will also need to complete and pass the associated quiz to receive credit for taking that training. Please remember to print and save your training certificates for documentation.
- Below is a list with the required training and the staff that are required to take them.

<b>Training:</b>	<b>Required Staff:</b>
CACFP Recordkeeping	Authorized Representative/Program Director/Food Service Director and others that work with program records.
CACFP Claims	Auth. Rep/Program Director and others that work with completing and submitting claims.
CACFP Meal Counting	Authorized Representative/Program Director/Food Service Director and others that work with completing and submitting meal counting.
CACFP Production Records	Authorized Representative/Program Director/Food Service Director and others that work with completing the production records.
CACFP Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications	Authorized Representative/Program Director/Food Service Director and others that submit, approve, and work to assist families with free and reduced applications.
CACFP Children Meal Patterns	Authorized Representative/Program Director/Food Service Director and others that help with ensuring meal patterns are met.
CACFP Infant Meal Pattern Requirements	Authorized Representative/Program Director/Food Service Director and others that work with infants and <b>if meals are claimed for reimbursement.</b>
Civil Rights	All CACFP staff.

- **Fun Fact!** CACFP allows flexibility for infant meal pattern requirements, based on infant needs.

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

- **FSMC Contracts (Quanna):** The FSMC Request For Proposals have been emailed to the schools requiring a new contract in SY25-26. If you are expecting to receive one and haven’t or would like to bid a new contract before the requirement, please let CANS know and we will get one to you right away.
- **Equipment Grant Deadline Reminder (Quanna):** Reminder - the deadline to have equipment grant applications postmarked is 2/14. We will begin reviewing submitted applications shortly after that and will make notifications likely early - mid March.  
Here is the link to the Equipment Application on the CANS website:  
<https://doe.sd.gov/cans/snp.aspx>

## — [SY24-25 Equipment Grant Applications](#)

- [2024 Equipment Grant Application](#)
  - [Appendix A: Non-Public School Unique Entity ID and Applicant Risk Assessment](#)
  - [Appendix B: State and Federal Terms and Conditions](#)

- **Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (Andrea):** If you want to learn more about CEP and how to apply you can access the CEP Timeline and iMATCH Basics webinar on the [DOE Online Learning Platform](#). This webinar discusses the basics of Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), a timeline to follow if you are interested in applying, and some of the basic functions of the iMATCH system. You must enroll in the School Nutrition Course to access this training.
- **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) (Diana W):** This is a friendly reminder to ensure you are utilizing your FFVP funds and submitting claims through iCAN. Should you require assistance with this process, please do not hesitate to reach out. We are more than happy to support you. Additionally, now is an ideal time to review your fund balance and plan for expenditures for the remainder of the school year. We will be contacting schools that have large remaining balances of their allocated funds. If you know that you won't be able to spend your funds by the end of the school year, please contact our office for some options.
- **Get ready for School Breakfast! (Melissa):** National School Breakfast Week takes place from March 3-7 this year. The theme for this year is [Clue Into School Breakfast](#). This theme adds an element of fun and excitement by bringing the thrill of mystery-solving to the cafeteria. This week highlights the importance of a healthy breakfast to help students succeed. Use this time to celebrate the National School Breakfast Program and the many ways it helps give kids a strong start each day.
- **On-Site Monitoring (Melissa):** School Food Authorities (SFAs) with more than one school site must complete an on-site review of meal counting and claiming systems each school year before February 1. This review is required for all schools operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and at least 50% of schools operating the School Breakfast Program (SBP). Each on-site review must ensure the school's claim is based on the counting and claiming system, as approved by CANS in the annual application, and yields the actual number of reimbursable free, reduced price, and paid meals, respectively, served for each day of operation. If issues are identified, corrective action must be implemented, and a follow-up review must be completed within 45 days to confirm resolution. If you haven't completed your [on-site monitoring](#) yet, be sure to do so as soon as possible.
- **Local Wellness Policy and Triennial Assessment (Susan):** Sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and/or School Breakfast Program (SBP) are required to have a local wellness policy, which guides efforts to create a healthy school environment. Schools are responsible for developing, implementing, and evaluating their policies to address their unique needs. A triennial assessment is required every three years to review compliance and progress, with proper documentation of the process. To support compliance, we recommend using our state agency's [triennial assessment form](#). Additional wellness policy resources are available on the [CANS website](#) under School Meals Program Requirements and through the [USDA](#).
- **Upcoming Training Opportunity from North Dakota Department of Public Instruction! (Mikayla)** Join North Dakota Team Nutrition on **February 18 at 2:00 PM CT / 1:00 PM MT** for the February Kitchen Counter Conversation webinar as we dive into "Added Sugar Product Limits." We will feature guests from General Mills.

In this session, we will delve into the regulations surrounding added sugar limits in food products and discuss the products that already meet these standards. Our guests will shed light on the upcoming product changes and availability aimed at increasing variety for your operations. Key Highlights of the webinar include: Understanding the definition of added sugar, reviewing the product limitations and the timeline for implementation, exploring compliant products that meet existing regulations, and insight into upcoming changes and the goal to expand product options.

Don't miss this chance to gain essential insights into the upcoming changes and learn how to stay aligned with the implementation timeline. Register now to secure your spot! [Register Here](#)

*\* Please be advised that the information provided herein is for general information and may be specific to North Dakota. Please seek the guidance of your state agency for specific situations and requirements. \**

- **Fun Fact! (Diana L):** SFAS must inform their families about the Summer Food Service Program even if they don't participate in SFSP. This can be done via your school webpage, newsletter, etc. Documentation of this outreach must be provided. The [SFSP flyer](#) is available on our website and there is also a link to the [USDA Summer Meal Site Finder](#) that you can provide. Please note that the summer meal site finder will not show active sites until Summer Feeding begins.

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

- The Annual Survey's are now open in iCAN. Districts have until Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> to complete the surveys. There are 4 annual surveys to complete. **Participation isn't required for the surveys but if schools want DoD Fresh/FFAVORS entitlement for the 25-26 school year, the DoD Fresh/FFAVORS survey must be completed.**
- **Fun Fact!** USDA Foods in Schools supports the American agriculture producers by purchasing 100% American grown and produced foods.

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

- **SFSP Training (Darlan):** The deadline to register for the March SFSP trainings has been extended to February 14<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested in attending or would like more information, please visit the [registration page](#).  
The experienced sponsor training has been extended for an additional hour. An email will be sent out to all registered participants with the details.
- **Seamless Summer Option (Susan):** This program is available to schools participating in the school nutrition programs. SSO is an extension of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program designed for schools that wish to provide meals over the summer months to their communities, but do not want to change program operations to meet the requirements of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). If you are planning to operate the Seamless Summer Option, please reach out to CANS to update your application. If you need a refresher on SSO operations, you can access the training video available on our [DOE Professional Learning Platform](#).
- **Fun Fact! (Darlan):** Sponsors are encouraged to incorporate locally sourced foods into their meal programs. This not only supports local farmers and food producers but can also introduce fresh, healthy foods they may not typically encounter.

### **Upcoming Trainings or Calls:**

- **(KRISTI) Check in with CANS Zoom calls** occur on the first Thursday of each month at 2:30pm CT / 1:30pm MT. [Zoom link](#) for SY2024-25 – Meeting ID: 984 7563 6311, Passcode: 317903. Mark your calendars! Check in with CANS calls months and dates for this year:

Mar	6
Apr	3

May	1
June <i>tentative</i>	5

- **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!**