

Check in with CANS

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Welcome!

All Program Reminders & Updates

Purpose of Check in with CANS call: These monthly check in calls will cover the latest program updates and reminders for the nutrition programs and USDA Foods in Schools. These are opportunities to bring your questions – ask in the chat or unmute and ask. Minutes will be posted on the CANS website within the week of the call. These will be recorded and saved for two weeks and will be shared only upon request

New Staffing Update: Karen Jones joined the team in early July. Located in Aberdeen, Karen brings her experience in consulting, education and compliance to our department and will be your point of contact for contracts and procurement.

Professional Learning Platform Guide: We have recently posted a [printable guide](#) on our website that covers everything you need to know about the platform including: gaining access, how to access courses and certificates, and how to navigate the platform. If there is something missing and you feel that others could benefit from the information, please let us know and we can look at adding it.

Pathways 2025 PowerPoints: CANS has received multiple requests to make the PowerPoints and handouts from the sessions at the 2025 Pathways to Child Nutrition Success Conference available for download and use. In response to these requests, we have created a new course in the DOE Professional Learning Platform, and it is now live and available to register. Once you register for the course, you will be able to open it and the PowerPoints and Handouts for the sessions will be available for you to view and/or download. If you are wanting to use the PowerPoint for a back-to-school training session, you can download it to view the script/notes and/or make necessary edits to fit your needs. If you are having any issues registering for the course or are struggling to find certain materials, you can call us at 605-773-34132 or email us at doe.schoollunch@state.sd.us.

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!

Wall Calendars: CANS has additional School Nutrition Programs and Child and Adult Care Food Program calendars available. If your agency did not receive one and would like one, please reach out to us at DOE.SchoolLunch@state.sd.us and we can mail you a calendar. The calendars are also posted on the corresponding website for you to access electronically.

- [CACFP Calendar](#)
- [SNP Calendar](#)

Farm to School

SD Crunch Off!

- September 15-Oct. 31, 2025
- It's SO easy to participate
 - Decide what you are going to crunch. You may crunch any local fruit or vegetable, such as carrots, apples, cucumbers, peppers, and more, such as nuts, popcorn, or meat/meat sticks. Local food purchases are encouraged. Donations from local food producers are also welcome.
 - Crunch kits with fun "crunch off" resources will be coming soon!
 - Register your Crunches after you've completed crunching
 - <https://extension.sdstate.edu/event/south-dakota-crunch>

Harvest of the Month Resources

- You should have received your posters in the mail if you didn't pick them up at the SD SNA conference.
- Check out the SDSNA FB page where Stephanie Johnson shared what she's done with the resources
- Resource material available on the F2S [website](#).

Donations of local garden produce

- Is acceptable
- Needs to be in whole form
- You are the final determination of how to use it on the food safety side

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Reminders & Updates

Annual Training Requirements for PY2024-2025: Annual trainings for this program year must be completed by September 30 to avoid being declared Seriously Deficient. If you have questions regarding the training, you can reference the [CACFP Annual Training FAQs](#) on our website.

PY25-26 iCAN Applications: The iCAN application for the 2025–2026 program year will open tentatively the week of **August 18, 2025**. Additional information and guidance will be shared at that time. To prepare for the new program year, 2024-2025 CACFP applications must be in an approved status. **If your application is not in an approved status, please make the updates needed and submit for approval or reach out to CANS as soon as possible.**

Head Start Grant Opportunity: One-time Supplemental Funds for Nutrition and Healthy Eating for Head Start Children and Families. The grant may be used for food service upgrades, materials, supplies, equipment, nutritional education resources and non-recurring personnel costs. Applications are due August 22, 2025. Applications received after the priority deadline may be considered, if funds are available.

More information about this grant can be found here, [Head Start Grant](#).

Claims Update: The USDA has released the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 meal rates for the Child and Adult Care Food Program; however, the Cash-in-Lieu (CIL) rate is still pending. We anticipate the CIL rate may be announced tomorrow. If it is, we will update calculations to include CIL and process payments. If the rate is not released in time, reimbursements (excluding CIL) will still be processed. In either case, you should receive payment by the 25th of this month.

School Nutrition Program (SNP) Reminders & Updates

Professional Standards Trainings and Tracker tool now available: This new feature offers extensive Professional Standards trainings, a tool for tracking completed sessions, automatic reminders for annual requirements, and additional resources <https://pstrainingtracker.fns.usda.gov/TrainingTitles/IndexPstd>

August 2025 North Dakota Department of Public Instruction Kitchen Counter Conversations- Annual Civil Rights & Cashier: Online & recorded training on Civil Rights and cashier training August 19th, 2-3 PM (CT) [Register here](#).

Fresh Fruit and Veg Program (FFVP) Awards sent via email on August 8: If you have questions, need help, or did not receive an email and believe you should have please contact Diana Webb Diana.webb@state.sd.us or Diana Leiseth Diana.leiseth@state.sd.us As a reminder the 1st allocation is for August and September claims. The 2nd allocation is for Oct – end of SY 25-26. FFVP applications cannot be approved until your School Lunch Application is approved.

Incorporating Farm to School in your FFVP Program: Local Food can be served in the program. Get receipts so that you can turn those in for reimbursement.

Net Cash Resources: All **Non-public schools** must fill out their annual Financial Statements for SY24-25 and return to SD DOE Grants Management stacey.booth@state.sd.us by **August 29th**. You can find a copy of the Financial Statement at <https://doe.sd.gov/cans/snp.aspx> under Application and Claim Information. If you have any questions, please call Stacey Booth at 605-773-3456.

Direct Certification and iMATCH: As a reminder PrimeroEdge came out with new Software Version 15.4 in July so that means PrimeroEdge platforms (iMATCH) and menu planning have undergone an update. This update has changed the user interface that users see when they log in to the system. Here is a [Reimagined Webinar Recording](#) to view the updates. Below are some resources to help you navigate the new look.

Resources here: <https://reimagined.primeroedge.com>
[Navigation Guide link](#)

When directly certifying students **before** your district starts the school year requires a special step to find “Inactive Students.” Check out the [iMATCH - Starting the School Year](#) resource for specific steps.

Buy American: SFAs are required to purchase, to the maximum extent practicable, domestic commodities or products. Non-domestic foods may only be purchased if the product is on the [Federal Acquisitions Regulations \(FAR\) Non-Available Articles List](#) or is unavailable in sufficient quantity or quality in the U.S., or if competitive bids show U.S. products are significantly more expensive. SFAs must maintain documentation to support these exceptions unless the item is on the FAR list. CANS provides a Buy American Justification Form for SFAs, available [here](#).

In SY 2025-2026, non-domestic food purchases cannot exceed 10% of total commercial food expenditures. This includes items on the FAR list. The USDA offers a [webinar](#) on the new regulations and also teaches SFAs how to use the [Buy American exceptions tracker](#).

For SY 2025-26, SFAs unable to meet the threshold for non-domestic food purchases may request temporary relief by submitting a [waiver](#) to their state agency while working toward compliance with Buy American requirements.

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Annual Requirement: At the start of the school year, SFAs must review their HACCP-based Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) with all staff. Each SOP must be signed and dated to verify they have been reviewed and updated as needed to meet current practices and requirements. These procedures are a required part of your USDA-required food safety program and will likely be checked during kitchen inspections. SFAs may use the [SOP templates linked here](#) but must tailor them to align with their specific procedures and current operations.

Signage Requirements: All signage should be clearly visible and placed at or near the start of the serving line.

- **Reimbursable Meal:** SFAs must display clear cafeteria signage showing each day’s planned reimbursable meals. For schools or grade levels using Offer Versus Serve (OVS), the signage must specify the minimum required selections for a reimbursable meal.

- **Kitchen Inspection Report:** Schools in the lunch and breakfast programs must receive two inspections each year, display the most recent inspection report in a clearly visible location, and provide a copy to the public upon request.
- **And Justice for All Poster:** The 11" x 17" "And Justice for All" poster, which contains the full non-discrimination statement, must be prominently displayed in a location where meals are served and clearly visible to all program participants. Contact the CANS office if you need a poster mailed to your school. Photocopies of the posters are not allowed.

Limits for Added Sugars: The new limitations on added sugars will be implemented in two phases. Phase one began July 1, 2025, with limits on added sugars in specific foods including:

- **Breakfast Cereal:** limited to 6 grams of added sugars per ounce
- **Yogurt:** limited to 12 grams of added sugars per 6-ounce serving
- **Flavored Milk:** limited to 10 grams of added sugars per 8-ounce serving, with up to 15 grams of added sugars per 12-ounce serving allowed for middle and high schools when sold as a competitive food. Competitive foods include all foods and beverages available for sale to students, outside of the reimbursable meal.

Check out USDA's training guide, [Reducing Added Sugars at School Breakfast](#), for tips on identifying sources of added sugars and ways to reduce them in school breakfast meals.

NSLP Afterschool Snack Changes: As of July 1, 2025, the NSLP Afterschool Snack Program have aligned with CACFP snack standards.

- No more than half of the weekly fruit/vegetable offerings may be juice.
- At least 80% of weekly grains must be whole grain rich.
- [Grain-based desserts](#) (except sweet crackers like animal and graham crackers) will not count toward the grain requirement.

Food Service Management Company confidentiality statement, annual signature reminder: If your school has a Food Service Management Company, please remember that FSMC employees must sign a Confidentiality Agreement with the school each new year. This document can be found in the iCAN application screen under Download Forms, document SNP0027, and titled FSMC Confidentiality Agreement. The FSMC may have an agreement with their employees, but this agreement is between the FSMC employee and the school. This agreement protects the confidentiality of students' information and is required for all new FSMC hires and annually for return FSMC employees.

USDA Foods in School/Food Distribution Program Reminders & Updates

Are you a new Food Service Director or just new to USDA Foods? If so, check out the [Food Distribution Manual](#)! This manual contains detailed instructions and helpful tips to guide you through various tasks!

2025-2026 Food Distribution Calendar: Unsure of important USDA Food deadlines? CANS has a calendar, which outlines all upcoming food order openings and closings and much more! This calendar is designed to help you stay informed and plan your orders efficiently.

Ground Beef: USDA is anticipating ground beef will be available in November. Our apologies for any inconvenience. In the meantime, CANS has ordered extra Tyson Beef Patty Crumbles.

DoD Fresh/FFAVORS orders must be receipted within two days of your DoD Fresh/FFAVORS delivery. If you have any complaints regarding your DoD Fresh/ FFAVORS, please follow the [DoD/ FFVP Complaint Process](#).

Overages, Shortages, and Damages Reports (OS&D) must be completed within 5 days after your delivery has been received. As a reminder, this report is to be completed if your school did not receive a product, received extra product, or the product was damaged. The report must be completed in iCAN under Food Distribution Program tile. If you need assistance finding this report, please check out the [Food Distribution Manual](#) or contact CANS.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and SNP Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Reminders & Updates

Turnip the Beet! 2024 Award Winners: The Turnip the Beet! Award celebrates exceptional summer meal program sponsors nationwide who go above and beyond to serve meals that are not only nutritious but also appetizing and appealing to children during the summer months.

For Summer 2024, two South Dakota sponsors earned this prestigious recognition:

- **Vermillion School District** – Gold Award
- **Huron School District** – Silver Award

Congratulations to our awardees and thank you to all who work tirelessly to support food and nutrition security for children throughout the summer!

Upcoming Trainings & Calls

Check in with CANS Zoom calls occur on the first Thursday of each month at 2:30pm CT / 1:30pm MT.

- New [Zoom](#) link for SY2025-26 – Meeting ID: 994 1571 3462
- The next call will be Thursday, September 4

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!