

Check in with CANS

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Welcome!

All Program Reminders or Updates:

Lapse in Federal Government Appropriations. Claims for reimbursement for the Child Nutrition Programs submitted in iCAN on time will be paid on the regular payment schedule. Next deadline for on-time claims is November 10. Currently, CANS is not anticipating any delays or shortfalls in reimbursement.

Children who qualify for meals based on SNAP case numbers are eligible for year-long eligibility within the Child Nutrition Programs. This means that once eligibility for these children has been established, it is good for the entire program year, regardless of participation in or receipt of SNAP benefits.

Separately, we want to emphasize that any potential lapse in SNAP funds will not impact Child Nutrition Programs. While eligibility may overlap, they are two distinct programs with distinct funding streams.

Staff Updates. Heather Meyers accepted one of our new Child Nutrition Program Specialist roles. She will be working to support the Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Her email is HeatherD.Meyers@state.sd.us and phone number is 605-773-2564.

Procurement updates. Effective 10/1/2025 the following procurement thresholds have been updated:

- Micro-purchase threshold is increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000.
 - Procurement reviews in the SY25-26 review cycle are based off SY24-25 financials which will review under the \$10,000 limit.
- Small Purchase (Informal) threshold is increased from \$250,000 to \$350,000.
 - The small purchase threshold for services and supplies is \$50,000
- SFAs and Sponsors need to update procurement plans to reflect these changes. There is no deadline to update the procurement plan, however, the plan should be updated prior to adopting the new thresholds.

Farm to Child Nutrition Reminders or Updates:

Patrick Leahy Grant is open. There is a "[What New in 2026](#)" document that provides an overview of the differences between this year's grant and those of prior years. Main points:

- Minimum federal request amount is \$100,000. Maximum request is \$500,000
 - A 25% match is required of cash or in-kind contribution
- Partnerships are required. The number depends on the entity type
 - The applying entity or at least one partner must be a child nutrition program operator or administrator

- If the coordinating entity does not operator or administer at least one CNP, then at least one of the partnership letters must be from a CNP operator or administrator
- **Priorities**
 - Innovative projects that scale up farm to school efforts, strengthen partnerships, expand reach, and enhance state-level capacity. Applicants must demonstrate how they meet at least three of the following priorities:
 - Use strategies that scale up and expand the reach of farm to CNP efforts
 - Focus on partnership building through such strategies as collaboration, network building, and peer learning
 - Demonstrate innovative methods to ensure lasting success and impact beyond the immediate target audience, project partners, and period of performance.
 - Create new or expand existing opportunities to connect America’s farmers to child nutrition programs.
 - Enhance innovation and capacity for states providing farm to school support
- Deadline for submission is December 5.
- Both email addresses that are listed to contact for help come back with a furlough message.

Crunch Off—We increased our numbers this year! 35 teams participated for a total of 7,358 crunches. Thanks to all of you who participated.

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

Program Year 2025-2026 Annual Trainings. The new program year has started! This means that training will need to be completed by September 30, 2026.

- As a reminder, these annual training requirements can be met by attending our Pathways to Child Nutrition Success conference on June 8-12. More details to come on conference registration and agenda.

Program Year 2025-2026 Applications. If you have not started or submitted your application, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Program Year 2025-2026 Reviews. Reviews for the upcoming review season have been planned, and notifications will be sent out later this month.

School Nutrition Program (SNP) Reminders or Updates:

Verification Reports Due November 14. ALL schools must submit a verification report. CANS presented a Verification Reporting webinar on October 29. If you were unable to attend the live training, a recording will be posted within the next few days in the [DOE Professional Learning Platform](#).

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.

Whole Grain Rich Requirements:

- At least 80 percent of the weekly grains offered in the school lunch and breakfast programs must be whole grain-rich, meaning that a product must contain at least 50 percent whole grains; any grain ingredients that are not whole grain must be enriched, bran, or germ. The remaining grain items offered must be enriched.
- The [Whole Grain Handbook](#) is a great resource. Here are a few snips from the handbook that show common whole grains and ingredients that are not considered whole grain.

While not an exhaustive list, the grain ingredients listed in the table below are common whole grains:

WHEAT		
bromated whole-wheat flour	stone ground whole-wheat flour	whole-grain bulgur
bulgur (cracked wheat)	toasted crushed whole wheat	whole-grain wheat
cracked wheat or crushed wheat	wheat berries	whole-grain wheat flakes
entire wheat flour	wheat groats	whole-grain wheat flour
flaked wheat	white whole-wheat flour	whole-wheat flakes
graham flour	whole bulgur	whole-wheat flour
sprouted wheat	whole-durum flour	whole-wheat pastry flour
sprouted wheat berries	whole-durum wheat flour	whole-white wheat
sprouted whole wheat		
OATS		
instant oatmeal	old-fashioned oats	whole-grain oat flour
oat groats	quick-cooking oats	whole oats
oatmeal or rolled oats	steel cut oats	whole-oat flour
BARLEY		
dehulled barley	whole-barley flakes	whole-grain barley
dehulled-barley flour	whole-barley flour	whole-grain barley flour
whole barley		
CORN		
corn masa*	popcorn**	whole-grain corn flour
hominy grits*	whole corn	whole-grain cornmeal
masa harina*	whole cornmeal	whole-grain grits
nixtamalized corn*	whole-grain corn	whole-corn flour
BROWN RICE		
brown rice	brown rice flour	sprouted brown rice
WILD RICE		
wild rice	wild rice flour	

NOT CONSIDERED WHOLE GRAINS		
all-purpose flour	enriched bromated flour*	potato flour
any bean flour	enriched flour*	rice flour
any nut flour	enriched rice*	self-rising flour
bread flour	enriched self-rising flour*	self-rising wheat flour
bromated flour	farina	semolina
cake flour	flour	unbleached flour
corn flour	instantized flour	white flour
corn fiber	malted barley	wheat flour
couscous	milled brown rice	yellow corn flour
degerminated cornmeal	oat fiber	yellow corn meal
durum flour	phosphated flour	

Food Distribution Program (FDP) Reminders or Updates:

USDA Foods Order Update. The order form for December delivery is open until November 10 at 9:00 am. CANS has not received potato wedges, frozen corn, or diced pears for the November orders. Agency orders will be adjusted each week to remove these items. SFA's will not need to submit OS&D reports for the effective products. We apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

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

Program Year 2025-2026. Start thinking about planning for summer operations

SFSP Administrative Training. SAVE THE DATE, more details will be released as they are finalized.

- Experienced sponsor training: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 (virtual).
- New sponsor training: Wednesday, March 11, 2026 (in-person only) in Pierre.
- New sponsor grab and go training: Thursday, March 12, 2026 (in-person only) in Pierre

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.

- New [Zoom](#) link for SY2025-26 – Meeting ID: 994 1571 3462
 - The next call will be Thursday, December 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 on the [DOE Professional Learning Platform](#). 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!