

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM & SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

SCHOOL YEAR 2026-27



This calendar provides information about deadlines, trainings, and other requirements related to the Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service programs. 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:

CACFP: Child and Adult Care Food Program
CANS: Child and Adult Nutrition Services
DOE: South Dakota Department of Education
F/R App: Free and Reduced Applications
FSMC: Food Service Management Company
iCAN: Online application, claim, and review system
IEG: Income Eligibility Guidelines
SFSP: Summer Food Service Program
USDA: U.S. Department of Agriculture
WIC: Women, Infants, Children

Annual requirements:

- Civil Rights training for all staff involved in program administration and operation
- Review and update procurement plans
- Complete two kitchen inspections by year-end



JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New F/R Apps, IEGs, and reimbursement rates go into effect	2	3 State offices closed	4
5	6 Begin annual Vended Meal agreements (due Sept. 25)	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 CACFP DCH annual training (tentative)	



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
	CACFP final training reminder —must be completed by Sept. 30					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		CACFP iCAN applications open (tentative)		 2:30 p.m. CT/1:30 p.m. MT		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



Harvest of the Month

- Apples • Beef • Bison
- Beets • Poultry • Dairy
- Potatoes • Oats • Wheat
- Raspberry • Rubarb
- Watermelon • Cantaloupe

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SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
				 <small>2:30 p.m. CT / 1:30 p.m. MT</small>		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	State offices closed					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SD Crunch Off Starts • Farm to School Patrick Leahy grant application announcement, pending USDA grant funding 					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CACFP iCAN applications must be submitted for approval • Vended Meal agreements due 	
27	28	29	30			
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CACFP & SFSP End of program year • Last chance! CACFP annual training must be completed 			



Harvest of the Month

- Apples • Beef • Bison
- Beets • Poultry • Dairy
- Potatoes • Oats • Wheat
- Pumpkin • Raspberry
- Cantaloupe • Watermelon

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Farm to School Month

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 CACFP & SFSP Start of new program year  2:30 p.m. CT / 1:30 p.m. MT	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 State offices closed	13	14 SFSP year-end survey opens (tentative)	15	16 CACFP application approval deadline	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 • CACFP DCH & SFSP USDA Area Eligibility Mapper update sent out • SD Crunch Off Ends	31



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This Month:
Begin planning for SFSP



NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		SFSP Sponsors begin planning for summer operations		CHECK IN WITH CANS 2:30 p.m. CT/1:30 p.m. MT		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			State offices closed			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		• CACFP review notifications sent to sponsors (tentative) • SFSP training Save the Date		State offices closed		
29	30					



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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 <small>CHECK IN WITH CANS 2:30 p.m. CT / 1:30 p.m. MT</small>	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 <small>State offices closed</small>	26
27	28	29	30	31		



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JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 State offices closed	2
3 SFSP training announcements sent to sponsors (new, experienced, and site)	4	5	6	7 CHECK IN WITH CANS 2:30 p.m. CT/1:30 p.m. MT	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 State offices closed	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

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FEBRUARY

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CACFP DCH & SFSP Free & Reduced Percentage data shared (based on Oct. data) by CANS • CACFP annual training reminder, all required training due Sept. 30 • SFSP FDP entitlement allocation order forms sent out (tentative) 		 2:30 p.m. CT/1:30 p.m. MT		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	State offices closed				SFSP training registration deadline for all new and experienced sponsors (tentative)	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		SFSP FDP orders due (tentative)			SFSP New Sponsor program inquiry deadline	
28						



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National Nutrition Month

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			SFSP required Administrative Training for Experienced Sponsors (tentative)	 CHECK IN WITH CANS 2:30 p.m. CT / 1:30 p.m. MT		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		SFSP required Administration training for New Sponsors (tentative)	SFSP Grab and Go training for New Sponsors (tentative)			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	National CACFP Week					
					SFSP applications open in iCAN (tentative)	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
	National CACFP Association Conference, Chicago					
CACFP WIC information sent to sponsors (tentative)						



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APRIL

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				CACFP annual training reminder, all required training due Sept. 30 1 — National CACFP Association Conference —  <small>CHECK IN WITH CANS 2:30 p.m. CT/1:30 p.m. MT</small>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		SFSP sponsor reminder—open site location notification required to your community				
11	12	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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MAY

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		<small>SFSP applications must be approved for summer operation</small>				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	<small>State offices closed</small>	31		<small>SFSP sponsor conducted staff training must be completed</small>		



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JUNE

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		1	2	3	4	5
		SFSP sponsor complete on-site monitoring		 CHECK IN WITH iCANS 2:30 p.m. CT / 1:30 p.m. MT	SFSP sponsor review notifications sent (tentative)	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
					State offices closed	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					CACFP annual training reminder, all required training due Sept. 30	
27	28	29	30			



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