

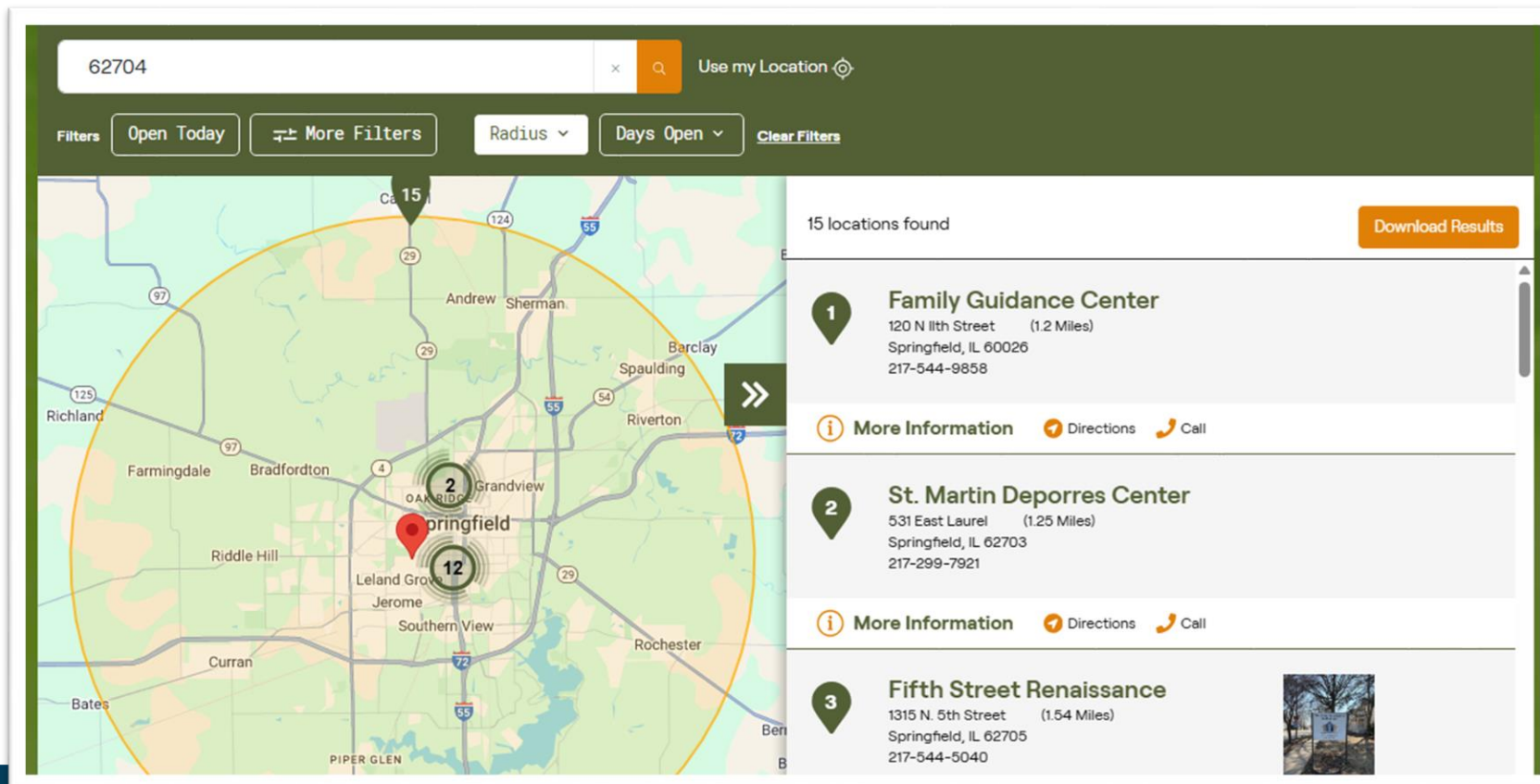
ISBE SNP Update

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025



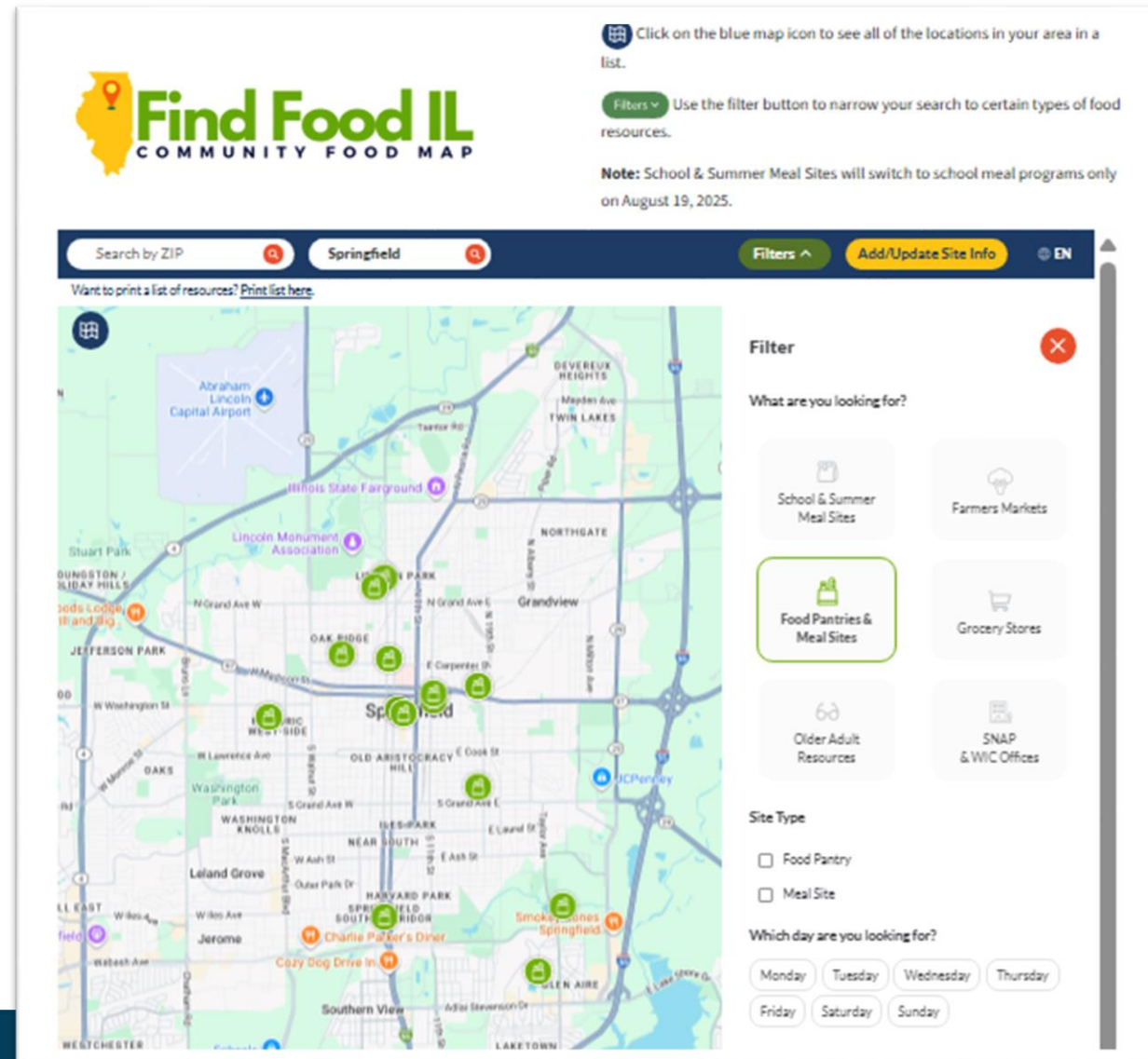
Feeding Illinois <https://www.feedingillinois.org/food-resources-illinois>

- State association for food banks maintains a mapping tool to access food resources in Illinois.



Find Food IL <https://extension.illinois.edu/food/find-food-illinois>

- Find places in your community offering free food or meals.
- Search by ZIP code or city.
- Maintained by the U of I Ext.



Illinois Hunger and Benefits Resources



- [Down the document by clicking here.](#)

Illinois Hunger and Benefits Resources

We recognize that the closure of the Illinois Hunger Coalition comes at a time when many families are struggling more than ever to meet their basic needs. Although the Coalition's programs have ended, support is still available across Illinois for assistance with food access, SNAP, and WIC applications, as well as benefits management.

This list provides contact information for Illinois residents seeking help with food access, SNAP/WIC applications, and other benefits. Resources are grouped by region for easy reference.

Chicago / Cook County

[211-Metro Chicago](#)

Chicago and suburban Cook County residents can access 2-1-1 and connect with critical health and social services. 2-1-1 is a free, local, 24/7/365 service that connects all Cook County residents to essential health and social service support and information during times of non-emergency crisis and for everyday needs. If you need assistance finding food, housing, transportation, and utility assistance, reach out to 211.
Phone: 211

[Greater Chicago Food Depository](#)

For support with SNAP or Medicaid applications or questions on how to apply for public benefits
Phone: 773-247-FOOD (3663)

[Find Food - GCFD Pantry & Meal Map](#)

Search for food pantries, soup kitchens, and meal programs in Chicago and Cook County.

Phone: 773-247-FOOD (3663)

[Nourishing Hope \(formerly Lakeview Pantry\)](#)

Provides groceries, home delivery for homebound clients, and other benefits.
Phone: 773-525-1777

[Catholic Charities](#)

Catholic Charities provides immediate and wraparound support, addressing their basic needs and connecting them to other resources.
Phone: Cook and Lake counties (312) 655-7700

[St. Sabina Church Social Service Office Food](#)

Operated by the Faith Community of St. Sabina in Chicago's South Side neighborhood
Phone: 773-846-3018

[Illinois Department of Human Services \(ABF\)](#)

Apply for SNAP, cash assistance, or medical benefits through the ABF.
Phone: 1-800-843-6154

[Greater Chicago Area \(Including Suburban Cook County\)](#)

[Beyond Hunger](#)

Provide hunger-relief programming and services across Cook County, including portions of Chicago and its near-west Suburbs.

seek to provide the food, resources, knowledge, and skills people need to live healthy, active lives. Benefits Services Team helps people apply for public benefits, including SNAP & RTA Ride Free Permits.

848 Lake Street, Oak Park, IL 60301
Phone: (708) 386-1324

[Northern Illinois Food Bank \(NIFB\)](#)

SNAP outreach, mobile markets, and a large pantry network serving 13 counties, including DuPage, Will, Kane, and Kendall.
Phone: 844-600-SNAP (7627)

[My Pantry Express \(NIFB Program\)](#)

Order free groceries online for pick-up at convenient suburban locations.

[People's Resource Center \(PRC\)](#)

Food pantry, emergency assistance, job help, and literacy programs in Cook County.
Phone: 630-682-5402

[West Suburban Community Pantry](#)

Provides groceries and social services for DuPage and Will County families.
Phone: 630-948-8136

[Neighborhood Food Pantries \(DuPage Network\)](#)

Network of six community food pantries serving DuPage County and its suburbs.
Phone: 630-293-4958

Downstate Illinois (Central and Southern Regions)

[Central Illinois Foodbank](#)

Food distribution, SNAP/WIC help, and mobile markets across 21 counties in central/southern Illinois.
Phone: 217-522-4022

[Eastern Illinois Foodbank](#)

Pantry network, mobile distributions, and SNAP referrals across eastern Illinois.
Phone: 217-328-3663

[Southern Illinois Food Pantry Network \(SIFPN\)](#)

Network of more than 95 pantries providing food access and advocacy in southern Illinois.

[Food Works \(Southern Illinois\)](#)

Promotes SNAP/Link match at farmers markets and supports local food access programs.
Phone: 618-370-3287

QUICK LINKS

- [Illinois Department of Human Resources](#)
- [Feeding Illinois: Access Food Resources in Illinois](#)
- [Find Food IL: Community Food Map](#)
- [Illinois Hunger and Benefits Resources](#)



Considerations for Your Child Nutrition Programs

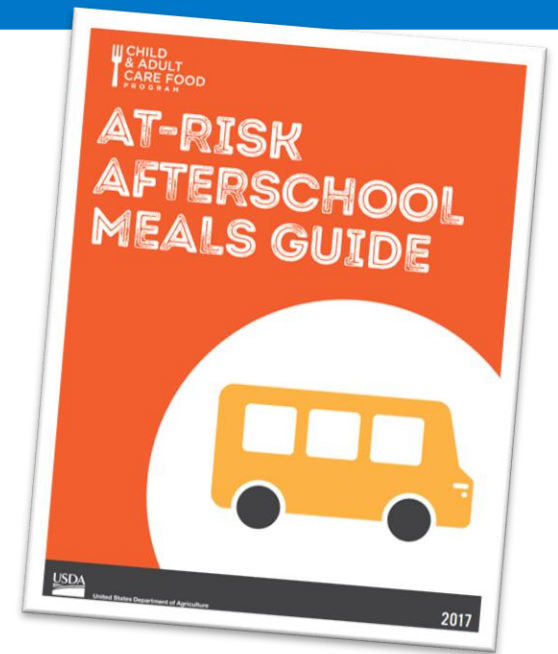
- **Ensure Meals/Snacks are congregate.**
- Consider adding the [School Breakfast Program](#), and/or serving [snacks](#) at school during after-school activities.
- Read about the [At-Risk Afterschool Meals](#) component of CACFP.
- [Maximize Direct Certification.](#)
- [Keep HEAs readily available year-round.](#)
- [Review Leftover Foods Guidance.](#)

At-Risk Afterschool Meals

- **Program Eligibility**

- Be organized primarily to provide care for children after school or on the weekends, holidays, or school vacations during the regular school year.
- Provide organized regularly scheduled education or enrichment activities (i.e., in a structured and supervised environment).
- Be located in an attendance area of school where at least 50 percent or more of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

- [At-Risk Afterschool Meals Guide](#)



What's New? www.isbe.net/nutrition



- **ISBE SNP Updates**

- Fall semester: Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5
- Spring semester: Feb. 4, March 4, April 1, May 6
 - Register for them all today; click here.
- Earn annual training requirements
- Recordings on the SNP Training and Professional Standards webpage

What's New?



Illinois Extension
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What's New

- FOOD RECALL: Pulled Pork Sandwich Products
- FOOD RECALL: Ready-To-Eat Breakfast Burrito and Wrap Products
- FOOD RECALL: Deep Brand Frozen Retail and Mail Order Products

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM

- Nov. 18 Webinar on "Recognizing Infant Readiness for Solid Foods"
- FY 26 Renewal Application Deadline Oct. 31 
- Read the Latest Issue of the Mealtime Minutes Newsletter

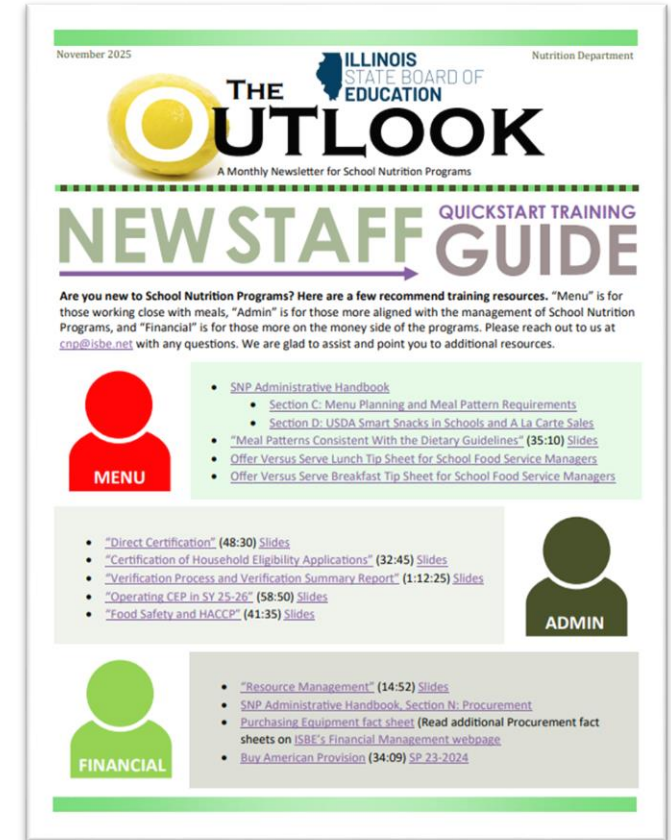
SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

- "Training Staff for Scratch Cooking in Schools" Webinar Nov. 6
- Sign Up for "Serve It Safely Food Handler Training"
- Sign Up for Feb. 10 Training on "Food Allergies in School Nutrition"
- Apply for a FY 26 Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant
- Register for School Year 2025-26 ISBE SNP Update Webinars 
- Read the Latest Issue of The Outlook Newsletter

What's New? www.isbe.net/nutrition

• The Outlook

- Read the [November 2025 issue!](#)
- Keep your WINS contacts up-to-date.
 - Most messages sent to Authorized Rep., Sponsor Contact, Claim Contact, Food Service Director, and Wellness Coordinator
- Others can sign up at www.isbe.net/subscribe



What's New? www.isbe.net/nutrition

• Summer Food Service Mandate

— [Public Act 096-0734](http://www.isbe.net/nutrition) requires all school districts in Illinois planning to operate an academic summer school or enrichment program in a building with 50 percent or more of the students eligible for free or reduced-price meals must operate a summer feeding program for at least the duration of the program.

Know the Requirements for School Districts



Section 20 of the Childhood Hunger Relief Act (105 ILCS 126/20) requires a school district to implement a summer breakfast and/or lunch program for the duration of the summer school program in all schools where 50 percent or more of the student population is eligible for free or reduced-price meals AND that have a summer school program.

This amendment applies to all public schools that meet the above criteria, including those schools not currently participating in any federal Child Nutrition Programs. There is an opt-out clause in the legislation, but it must be completed by Jan. 15.

[Public Act 096-0734](#), which amended the Illinois School Code, along with [Question and Answers](#) about this Summer Food Service Mandate are accessible [on the ISBE website](#). For more information about Summer Meals, visit ISBE's [Summer Food Service Program](#) and [Seamless Summer Option](#) webpages. For questions, please contact the Illinois State Board of Education Nutrition Department at enp@isbe.net or (800) 545-7892.

Important Dates to Remember

Jan. 15: Deadline to submit written Opt-Out Request to your regional superintendent of schools.

Feb. 15: Deadline to develop and keep on file the district plan to conduct a summer lunch and/or breakfast program for each school where at least 50 percent of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals AND that have a summer school program.

Prior to March 1: Regional superintendent of schools must convene a public hearing to hear testimony from the school district and interested community members.

March 1: Deadline for regional superintendent to:

- Inform the school district, in writing, of their decision, along with the reasons why the exemption was granted or denied.
- Provide a listing to the ISBE Nutrition Department of all districts that applied to opt-out, along with the affected schools, whether the exemption was granted or denied, and the reasons for the action.

April 1: Deadline for the Illinois State Superintendent of Education to hear appeals on the decisions of regional superintendents of schools.

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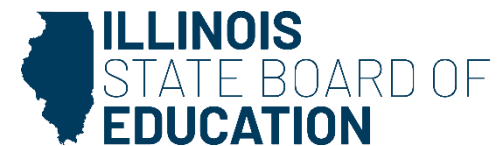
• On-Demand Trainings & Resources

- Operating CEP in SY 25-26
- Certification of HEAs
- Direct Certification
- Resource Management
- Food Safety & HACCP
- Verification Process and VSR
- VSR: Completing Steps 2-5
- USDA Risk Assessment Tool

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/snp-training.aspx>

What's New? www.isbe.net/nutrition

- **Serve It Safely Food Handler Training**
 - [2:30-5 p.m. Jan. 13](#)
 - [2:30-5 p.m. March 10](#)
- **Food Allergies in School Nutrition**
 - [2-4 p.m. Feb. 10](#)
- Visit <https://schoolnutrition.extension.illinois.edu/> for additional resources:
 - Recorded trainings, recipes and sample menus, marketing and cafeteria signage, and more



What's New? www.isbe.net/nutrition



- Culinary Institute of Child Nutrition webinar
 - **"Training Staff for Scratch Cooking in Schools"**
 - 2-3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6
 - [Register online today!](#)
- Explore ICN resources at <https://theicn.org/>

What's New? www.isbe.net/nutrition

- **Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program**

- Request for applications (RFA) for FY 26 now open.

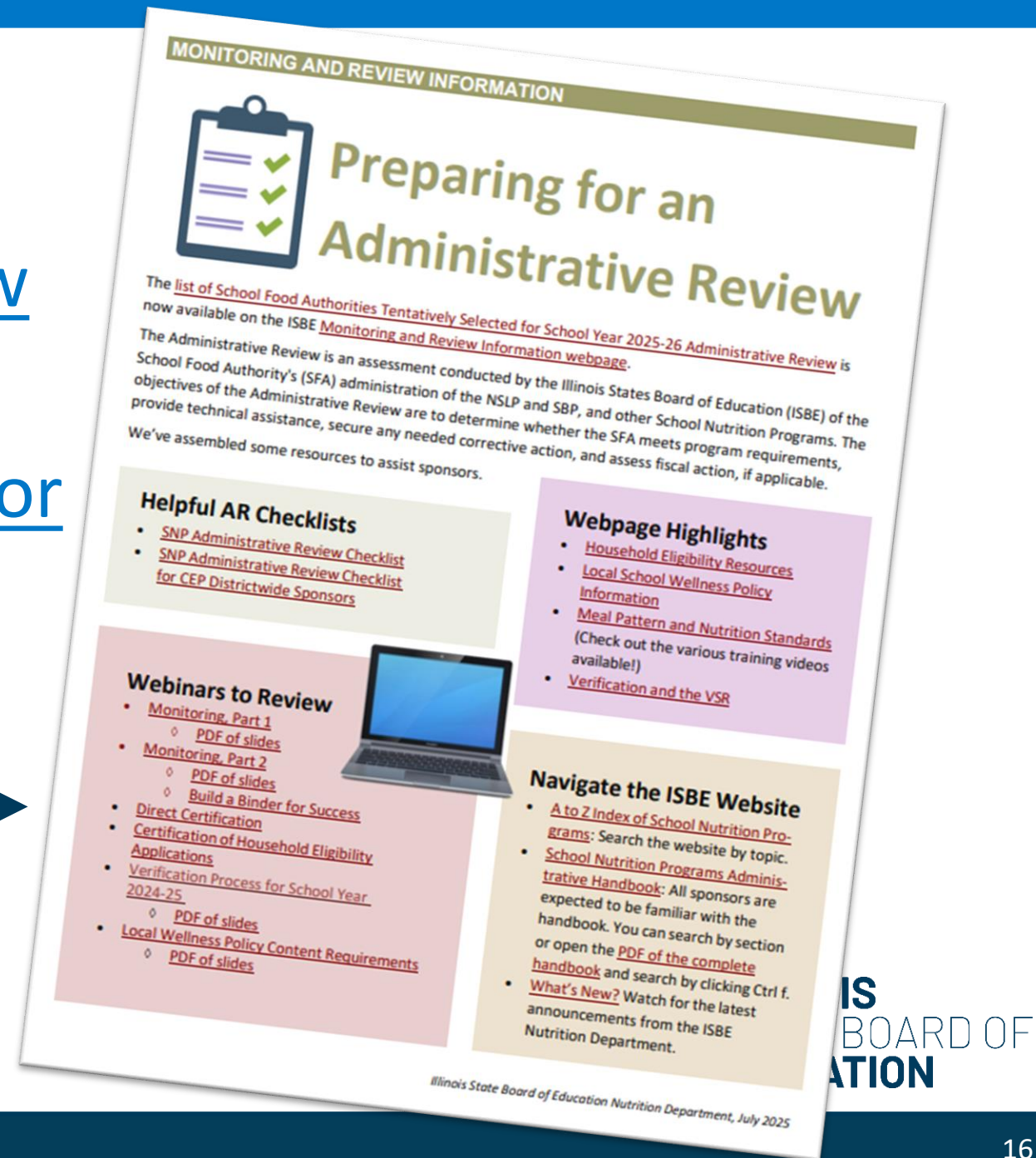
- Deadline to apply: Dec. 5

- <https://www.fns.usda.gov/f2s/grant>



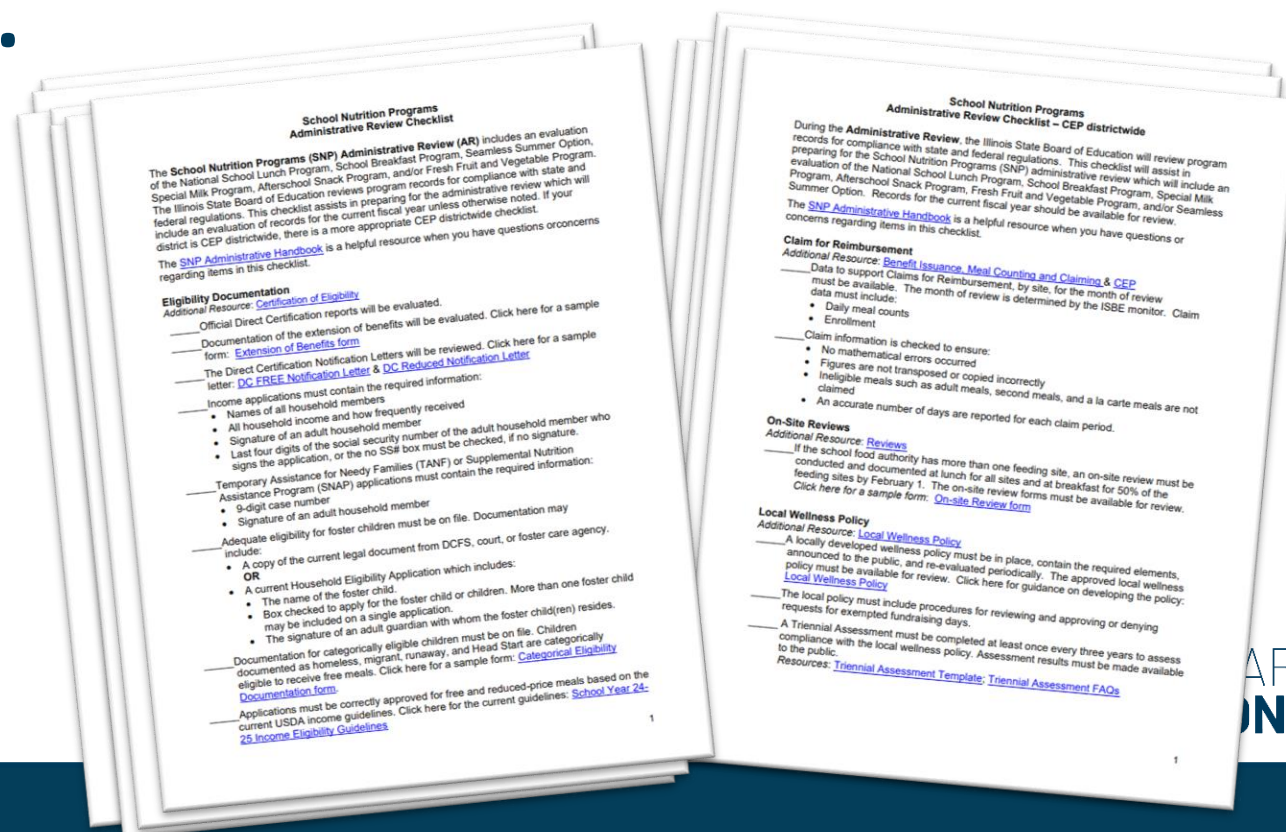
Administrative Reviews

- ISBE Monitoring and Review Information Webpage
 - SFA tentatively selected for SY 25-26 Administrative Review
 - Preparing for an Administrative Review



Administrative Reviews

- SNP Administrative Review Checklist
- SNP Administrative Review Checklist for CEP District-wide Sponsors.



On-Site Reviews

- SNP Administrative Handbook
—Section L: Reviews →
- SNP On-Site Review Form
Assessment of School Meal
Counting and Claiming
Procedures

School Food Authority Reviews

On-Site Review Requirements

National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) regulations require each school food authority (SFA), with more than one site where reimbursable meals are served, to annually conduct their own review of each site's meal count and claiming procedures. All NSLP sites must be reviewed and for the SBP sites, a school shall perform on-site reviews at a minimum of 50% of their sites that serve breakfast.

EXAMPLE:

A SFA has 12 sites, all of which are in SBP and NSLP. All 12 sites must receive on-site reviews of their NSLP and 6 of those sites must receive on-site reviews of their SBP. The other 6 SBP sites that did not get on-site reviews would need to receive on-site reviews of their SBP the following year.

ISBE recommends even districts with one site perform an annual on-site review of meal counting and claiming procedures.

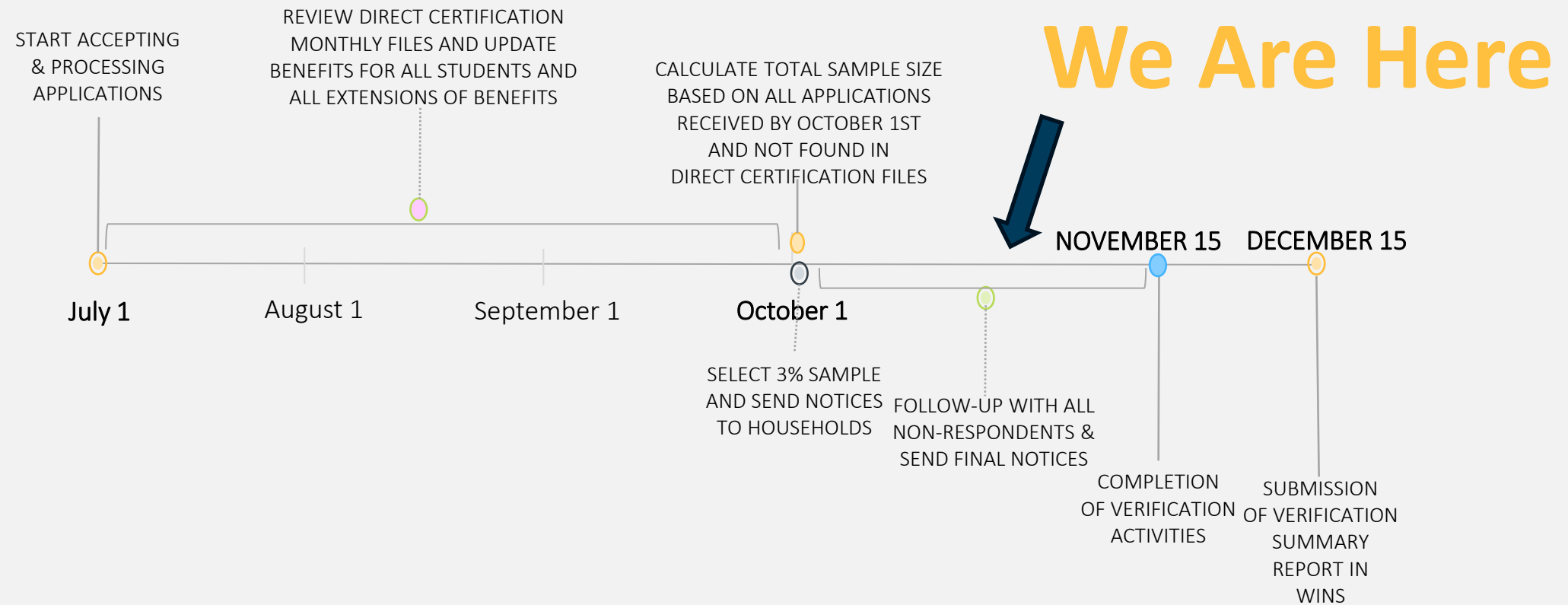
This review must be completed by February 1 of each school year for each site. The individual should be familiar with program rules and should be outside the daily operations to provide an objective look at the operations. The review must be conducted by SFA personnel and may not be conducted by contracted parties who are providing the meal service. A sample copy of the [On-Site Review Form](#) is available on our website.

A copy of the on-site review must be maintained on file at the site or SFA office for three years plus the current year or, in the case of an audit or investigation which extends beyond the three years plus current year, documents must be kept until the audit or investigation is completed.

If the review disclosed problems, the SFA must correct problems immediately and conduct a follow-up review within 45 calendar days of the initial review. A follow-up review must be conducted to determine if the corrective action resolved the problem. Written documentation is required to be maintained at the SFA or at the site.

Reviews | L-1

Verification and the VSR



Verification and the VSR

- Watch the recorded trainings
 - Verification Process and VSR
 - VSR: Completing Steps 2-5
- Read the FAQs
- Find the forms and samples letters
 - VSR Data Collection Form

Verification Summary Report Data Collection Form: Step 1

By answering the following questions, you will be collecting the data that is required for Step 1, Questions 1-5.

Data collection: Answer the following questions as of **Oct. 1** using districtwide data.

Step 1 Application Counts: Section for reporting paper/electronic applications only. Do not include student count from each application.

Prior to reporting Household Eligibility Application(s) count, search for students listed on all application(s) in the Direct Certification system and **remove any applications from this count that were found to be directly certified**. Report only applications for household with student(s) that could not be directly certified.

Step 1: Application Count

Question 1:
How many applications were approved based on one of the following in Sections 1 or 2 of HEA:
Applications that household(s) provided a SNAP or TANF case number _____ application(s)
Application(s) for approved for foster child _____ application(s)

Question 2:
Applications approved for FREE meal benefits based on income data (Section 3) _____ application(s)
Enter application total on Step 1, Question 1

Question 3:
Applications approved for REDUCED meal benefits based on income data (Section 3) _____ application(s)
Enter application total on Step 1, Question 2

Question 4: Will auto calculate total number of applications listed on Questions 1-3

Question 5: Enter the number of error prone applications received

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Based-Child-Nutrition-Documents.aspx>

USDA Foods Show Opportunities

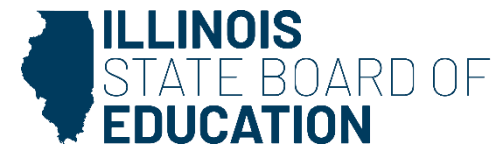
October 17, 2025
Tinley Park, IL
**ILSNA Annual
Conference**

January 23, 2026
Rend Lake College
Ina, IL
**Southern IL COOP
Buying Group**

February 17, 2026
St Charles, MO
**SFNDA
MDESE
ISBE**

Food Distribution Training

- **Live webinar**
 - Planned for Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2:00-3:00pm



FDP Annual Order Period SY 2026-27



- Opens Jan. 12
- Three spending options:
 - USDA Foods
 - DOD Fresh
 - Diversions to Processors
- Diversions to Processors option closed Feb. 23-27 and reopened March 2-6
- **Annual Order Period closes March 6**

Food Recalls and Public Health Alerts

- Corn Dog and Sausage on a Stick Products

- Sold online and shipped to retail and food service locations nationwide. Also sold to school districts and Department of Defense facilities nationwide. While the products were distributed to schools, it resulted from commercial sales and not part of food provided by the USDA for the National School Lunch Program.

- [VIEW LABELS](#), [VIEW PRODUCT LIST](#)

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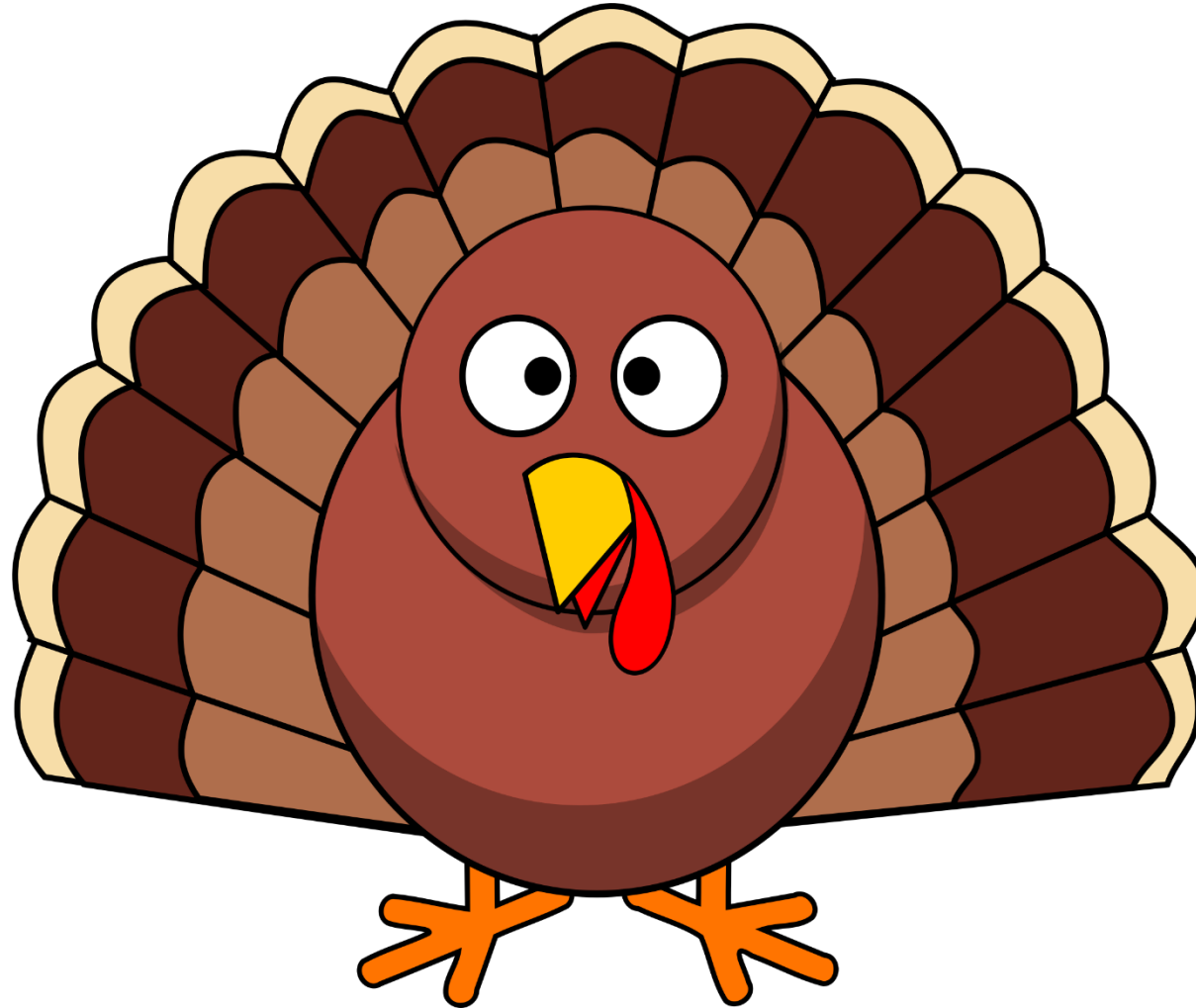


Food Recalls and Public Health Alerts

- **Breakfast Burrito and Wrap Products**
 - These items were shipped to foodservice institutions nationwide. While the products were distributed to schools, it resulted from commercial sales and not part of food provided by the USDA for the National School Lunch Program.
 - [VIEW LABELS](#), [VIEW PRODUCT LIST](#)
- **USDA Recalls & Public Health Alerts**
- **Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**

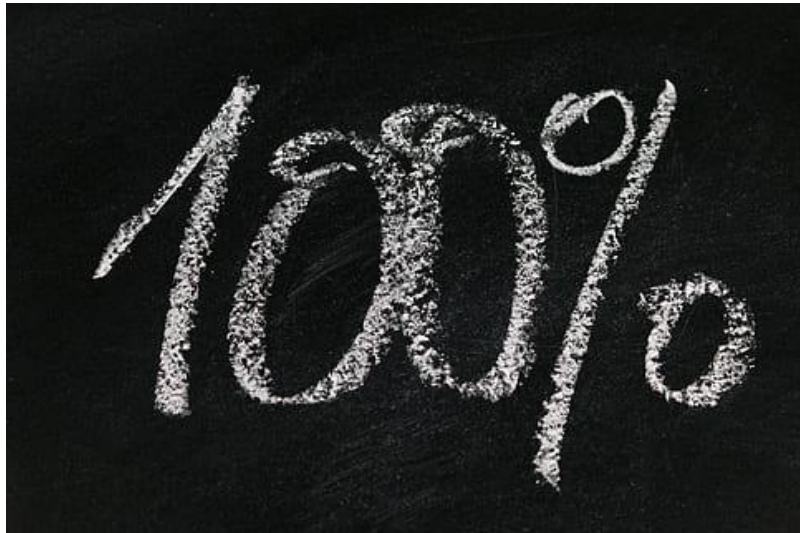


USDA Food - 100125 Turkey Roasts



FDP – **USDA Foods Delivery Rebates SY24-25**

- SY24-25 delivery cost rebates issued by Lanter Distributing
- Deposit all funds in the non-profit school food service account
- Reconciliation process for checks not cashed – credit for SY25-26



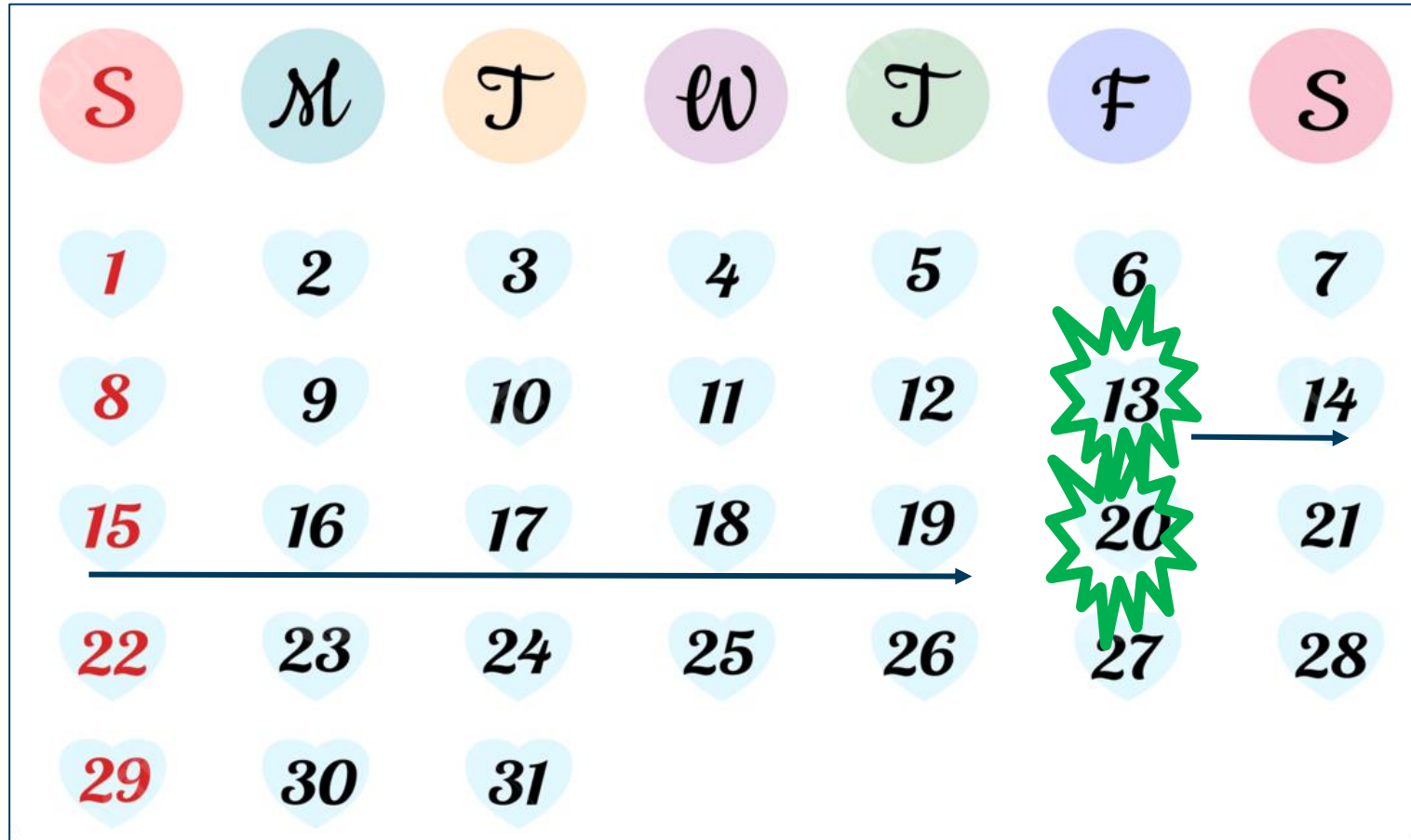
USDA Foods Deliveries – 5 Case Minimum

- [ICS Instructions](#) - Pages 9-10



USDA Foods Deliveries – Monthly Process

- Check ICS between the 13-20 each month



DOD Fresh – FFAVORS – Receipt Process

Receipting Requirement



When there are past due receipts on the customer account, a warning is displayed on the Customer Homepage. No new orders can be created until the past due receipts are processed.

Track Usage – All Three Spending Options

Track your deliveries and balances year-round

- USDA Foods deliveries and balances
 - ICS
- DOD deliveries and balances
 - FFAVORS
- Processor deliveries and balances
 - K12
 - Processor Link
 - Distributor site



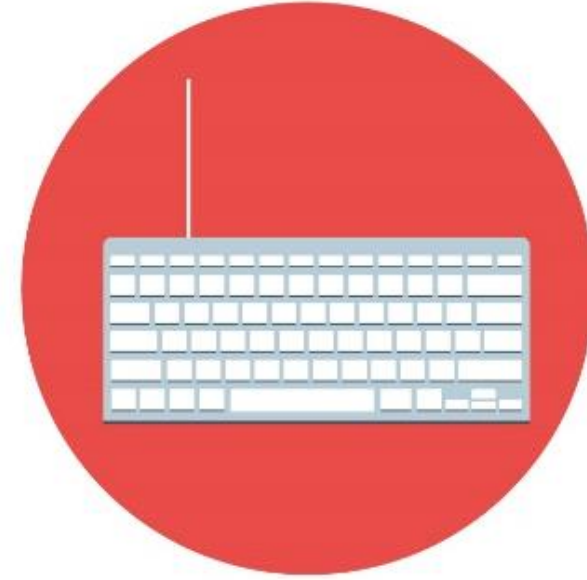
FDP Fact Sheets

- [USDA Foods](#)
- [DOD Fresh](#)
- [Diversion to Processors](#)



FDP Resources

- ICS Message Board
- School Nutrition Programs Handbook
- ICS Instructions
- FFAVORS Manual
- Anticipated USDA Foods Chart
- Processing Calculator



<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Nutrition-Programs-Food-Distribution.aspx>

ISBE School Nutrition Champion Award



- [School Nutrition and Wellness Champions webpage](#)

Carmi-White County CUSD 5



Huntley CSD 158



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✓ Contact Us



Nutrition Department

- Call (800) 545-7892 or (217) 782-2491, cnp@isbe.net

IWAS

Contact the ISBE Call Center 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday

- Call (217) 558-3600

Funding and Disbursements Department

For questions regarding claims and payments of Child Nutrition Programs

- Call (217) 782-5256, [email contacts](#)

Questions?



Thank you!