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Child Nutrition Website - <u>https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition</u> Child Nutrition List Serve Email - <u>child.nutrition@maillist.informe.org</u>

### USDA Foods Preparing for SY2026

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### The Sponsor and Delivery Sheets will close on December 13th.

In order to open up **SY2026** Annual order for USDA commodities, we need all districts to update both their **FDP sponsor application and delivery location sheets for 2026**. All sheets must be in Approved status prior to Friday, **December 13, 2024**. The Status begins in "Pending Submission" and moves to "Approved" once these are completed.

Follow the steps below to get your sheets into approved status:

- 1. Email addresses do not roll over year to year, all Sponsors must enter email addresses in.
- Select Sponsor Application sheet, select edit, make all necessary updates, enter in emails, check off #45, submit. Status goes from Pending Submission to Approved status.
- 3. Select Delivery location sheets, select edit, update all information. The next step is crucial. Under storage capabilities, make sure dry, refrigerated and frozen boxes are checked off, this is where your USDA foods get delivered. If you only have one delivery application, then all 3 must be checked off. If you have several delivery locations you may have dry and frozen items going to one school and refrigerated going to another school. Make sure they are checked off appropriately for your deliveries.

If all applications are in Approved status by Friday, December 13, 2024, the Annual Order will tentatively open on January 20, 2025 and close on Friday, February 14, 2025.

### **!!Action Required!!**

As of December 11th, the districts listed below have not yet completed their FDP SY 2026 Sponsor Applications and Delivery Location Sheets. As stated above, the deadline to complete this is December 13th.

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Baileyville Public Schools
Beals Public Schools
Boothbay-Boothbay Hbr CSD
Brewer Public Schools
Brooklin Public Schools
Brooksville Public Schools
Brunswick Public Schools
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Calais Public Schools
Castine Public Schools
Caswell Public Schools
Cherryfield Public Schools
Community Regional Charter School
Connor Consolidated School-EUT
Cutler Public Schools
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East Millinocket Public Schools
East Range CSD
Easton Public Schools
Edgecomb Public Schools
Ellsworth Public Schools
Erskine Academy
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Machiasport Public Schools
Maine Arts Academy
Maine Central Institute
Moosabec CSD
Mount Desert Public Schools
MSAD 76 Swan Island

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Penobscot Public Schools

Pleasant Point

Portland Public Schools

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**RSU 13** 

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RSU 26

RSU 30/MSAD 30

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RSU 40/MSAD 40

RSU 41/MSAD 41

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Waterville Public Schools

Wells-Ogunquit CSD

West Bath Public Schools

Whiting Public Schools

Winslow Schools

Winthrop Public Schools Woodland Public Schools

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York Public Schools

### Zee Zee Harvest Mixed Fruit Cups

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We have the ability to receive Zee Zee Harvest Mixed Fruit Cups. Each serving is .5 cup, the pack size is 72 servings per case. These would be purchased as an NOI item and each case will receive a discount of \$21.89. This will NOT come off your PAL. Information on this product can be found at:

https://foodservice.zeezees.com/foodservice/products/fruitcups/harvest-mixed-fruit-4.5oz

If you are interested in receiving these fruit cups, please complete this <u>form</u>. You will need to enter your name, the number of cases you are interested in and who your distributor will be.

## From the USDA

A recent USDA policy memo has been added to our website

SP02-2025, CACFP04-2025, SFSP02-2025: Guidance for Accepting Processed Product Documentation for Meal Pattern Requirements. The updated memo provides guidance for accepting processed product documentation and clarifies the difference between the date of authorization found on the CN label and the "Valid Until" date on the CN Label Verification Report.

# COMING SOON Registration for the 2025 Farm to School Cook-off

# **Stay Tuned!**



# **Child Nutrition Training**

The links to register are in the training titles.

We are unable to hold virtual and in person training simultaneously.

All of our webinars are recorded and put on our website within a week of the training.

Please mark your calendars once you have registered.

### Webinars

Child Nutrition Updates & Reminders December 16, 2024 1:30pm

We will review key updates and reminders and talk about milk substitutes in Child Nutrition Programs. There will be time at the end for Q and A.

### Financial Webinar: Child Nutrition Budget

January 16, 2025 1:30pm This webinar intended for new managers and directors and will review basic tools for developing a Child Nutrition Budget.

### Completing Your SY2026 Annual Order

January 14, 2025 1:30pm

Terri will go over the steps you need to take in order to complete your Annual Order for SY2026

### Child Nutrition Updates & Reminders January 27, 2025 1:30pm We will review key updates and reminders and talk about the importance of

inventory. There will be time at the end for Q and A.

### ServSafe Test Only

January 28, 2025 2:00pm Charge for exam is \$51

Registration deadline is January 10, 2025



### **Class and Exam**

### Bucksport High School Library 102 Broadway Bucksport

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 - 9:00am Wednesday, February 19, 2025 - 8:00am-approx. noon for the test

The class is for school food service and CACFP only Books are ordered and mail once registration has ended Please note start times for each day Bring photo id, pen or pencils with erasers You must provide an email address as certificates are sent via email. Please note testing start time on the second day Lunch is NOT provided. Please bring a lunch.

Charge for the class is \$102 Payable by credit card, at the time of registration.

Registration deadline - January 24, 2025

# Local Foods Training with the Good Crust!

### Wednesday, January 8, 2025 9:00am-1:00pm

Child Nutrition Culinary Classroom Deering Building 90 Blossom Lane Augusta

Join The Good Crust and learn different ways to prepare their dough made with 100% Maine grown grain! Beyond pizza, the good crust can be used to create other culinary delights, like bialys (similar to a bagel; a hit during breakfast!) using their 2 oz ready to fill dough rounds. This training is eligible for districts operating NSLP to receive an extra \$500 in state Local Foods Fund reimbursements (which can be used to purchase The Good Crust dough!)

Please reach out to Katie with any questions at <u>katie.knowles@maine.gov</u>