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Child Nutrition Website - <https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition>

Child Nutrition List Serve Email - child.nutrition@maillist.informe.org

USDA Foods

Preparing for SY2026

The Sponsor and Delivery Sheets will be open on November 27th and will close on December 13th.

In order to open up **SY2026** Annual order for USDA commodities, we need all districts to update both their 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.
2. 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.

Healthy Meals Incentives Recognition Award

Congratulations Community Regional Charter School!

Recipient of the Small and/or Rural School Food
Authority Lunch Trailblazer Award

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.

Webinar

Child Nutrition Updates & Reminders

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.

December 16, 2024

1:30pm

ServSafe-Managers

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 31, 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

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