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Child Nutrition Thursday Update

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USDA Foods in SFSP

Want to receive USDA Commodities for your Summer Food Service Program?

You have until **April 24, 2026** to complete **ALL** of the following steps

1- Complete this MS Form and your information will be added to your CNPweb account and linked.

2 - Complete the following steps in CNPweb

*Select Food Distribution Program

*SY2026

*Sponsor Name

*On the Sponsor Summary Page - Applications

***BOTH** Sponsor Application Sheets AND Delivery Location Information Sheets **MUST** be filled out completely.

BOTH Sheets **MUST** be in **APPROVED** status no later than 12:00pm on Friday, April 24, 2026

Ordering will be available May 1-15, 2026
USDA Commodities will be delivered in June.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Application Reminders

SY 2027 FFVP applications are due

Friday, April 24, 2026

How do I know if my application is complete?

- The signature page is uploaded (a date stamp will appear). All signatures are required, including the project/site manager, principal, and superintendent.
- The box “check here to submit this form to the State for Approval” is checked. This is a step that often gets missed.
- The application will be in “pending approval” status when all steps have been completed.

Any questions can be directed to Stephanie at
stephanie.stambach@maine.gov.

Food Allergy Training

You may have received questions from households regarding the requirement for school food service staff to receive annual training and certification on food allergies. At the present time, we are awaiting guidance from USDA on allergy training requirements. Once we receive official guidance, more information on the training requirements will be released.

National School Lunch Program Information Portal

National School Lunch Program Sponsors

Follow the [TWO](#) steps below to join

Our office is now using EnGiNE, Maine DOE's open-source learning portal. You **must sign up using this [link](#).

Please be sure to use your school email address.

No matter how many schools in your District, please only register one time.

*****Once you have access to EnGiNE or you already have access to EnGiNE, you MUST enroll in the National School Lunch Program Information Portal using this [link](#).***

Not a National School Lunch Program Sponsor?

If you would like access to the NSLP Portal, please contact Paula, paula.nadeau@maine.gov **prior** to signing up, using the links above, as your access will need to be approved.

Instructions on how to send a message using the Portal can be found on our [website](#).

May 1, 2026

**SCHOOL LUNCH
HERO DAY**



Child Nutrition Training

- All of any kind will be removed from the virtual training.
- The links to register are in the training titles - unless otherwise noted.
- 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.
- Pay attention to registration deadline dates. Deadlines must be adhered to.
- Be sure to register to ensure that we have enough space for everyone.
- If there is a registration fee - Per Maine DOE policy, payment is due by credit card at the time of registration.
- Mark your calendars once you have registered.
- If State offices are closed webinars/trainings will be rescheduled. Anyone who has already registered will be notified of the new date and time.

If you have any questions about any of the Child Nutrition Training, please contact Paula at paula.nadeau@maine.gov

Webinars

paula.nadeau@maine.gov

Food & Equipment Inventory Requirements

April 27, 2026

1:30pm

Join our webinar to learn food and equipment inventory requirements for the National School Lunch Program. Stay compliant, simplify audits, and run your cafeteria efficiently.



Annual Financial Report

May 19, 2026

1:30pm

This webinar will include updates on the Annual Financial Report that must be completed by September 1, 2026. Please send any questions you have regarding the Annual Financial Report to jodi.truman@maine.gov by May 12th. Throughout the webinar, questions will be addressed.

Did you miss a webinar?

You can view it by going to the [Webinars and Training](#) page of our website.

Are you renewing SPlI?

Need more information about the Direct Certification (DC) List, Applications and Verification?

Many schools must renew the Provision II Base Year. Several new Food Service Directors have never done this before and other LEA's have not completed this in three years.

This webinar will focus on the processes that need to be completed in the collection of meal benefit applications, approving them, completing the verification process and using the Direct Certification (DC) list.

May 12, 2026
1:00pm - 3:30pm

Use this [link](#) to register



To kick off April's Harvest of the Month - Dairy
2026 Dairy Refresh School Nutrition Equipment
Grant application is now **open!**

This year there are three equipment packages to choose from

Power Breakfast on the Go

Moovable Milk Barrels

Power Smoothie Station

[2026 Dairy Refresh School Nutrition Equipment Grant Application](#)

Deadline to apply is April 30, 2026

Please direct any questions to Katie Hoffman

catherine@drinkmainemilk.org

Wishing everyone a safe and
restful April vacation!

No Thursday Update on April 23rd, it will return on April 30th

