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Child Nutrition Thursday Update

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USDA Foods

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Last USDA Monthly Order for SY26

- The last USDA Monthly Order for SY26 is April 1st-15th
- The Monthly Order opens at 7:30am on April 1st
- Bonus items will be offered. ****FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED****
- **Items not taken throughout the school year will be shipped in May.**
- **Orders cannot be refused or sent back to PFG once shipped.**

April Monthly Order

- Both column totals for Available Qty and Order Qty must match.

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FDP Maine Department of Education
Sponsor Order Form

Code	Description	Unit Value	Available Qty	Order Qty
Entitlement Commodities				
100019	CHEESE, AMERICAN, WHITE, PROCESS, SLICED, CHILLED Pack Size: 6/5 LB PACKAGE Processing Fee: 0.00	75.49	2	1
		Incorrect		
110473	BROCCOLI, NO SALT ADDED, FROZEN Pack Size: 30 LB CASE Processing Fee: 0.00	56.10	1	1
		Correct		



What is left in your districts inventory?

Please check the Inventory tab on the Sponsor Summary page in CNPweb. The description and available quantity columns will show the items being shipped. If those columns are blank, then the items have been delivered throughout the year.

If you have questions regarding your USDA order and bonus items, please contact Terri, 624-6882 or terri.fitzgerald@maine.gov.

For instructions on how to place your final SY26 USDA order and how to order Bonus Items, visit the [Food Distribution Program](#) page of our website.

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.

National School Lunch Program Information Portal

National School Lunch Program Sponsors

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](#).

ServSafe Class & Exam

April 21 & 22, 2026

Gorham High School

41 Morrill Avenue, Gorham

The class is for School Food Service and CACFP only

Books are ordered and mailed once registration has ended

Please note start times for each day

April 21st 9:00am - 3:00pm

April 22nd 8:00am - Approximately Noon for Exam

Bring photo id, pen or pencils with erasers

You must provide an email address as notification of results
are sent via email

Lunch is NOT provided. Bring your lunch, snacks, drinks

Charge for the class is \$102

Payable by credit card, at the time of registration

Registration deadline – Thursday, April 2, 2026

Funding Opportunity

Community Greenhouse Grant

The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Community Greenhouse Grant application opens on **Wednesday, March 18, 2026.**

Application Deadline: April 28, 2026, no later than 12:00 p.m., ET.

Grant Purpose: The purpose of this funding opportunity is to fund projects that will deliver the greatest measurable benefit by enhancing food production opportunities through investments in shared, educational-use, durable greenhouses. This RFA provides instructions on how schools, community centers, and other public entities may apply for one-time grant funding for durable greenhouse structures, including, but not limited to, structures made of glass or polycarbonate, and associated siting and installation costs.

Eligibility to Apply: Schools, colleges, universities, community centers and public entities located in Maine are eligible to apply.

For the purpose of this RFA, "public entity" means:

- A state agency or authority;
- The University of Maine System, the Maine Maritime Academy, and the Maine Community College System; and
- A county, municipality, or school district.

Funding Available: DACF anticipates awarding up to \$500,000 through this grant opportunity.

Award Range: Award ranges will be between \$25,000 and \$250,000

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ard/grants/community-greenhouse.shtml>.



Full Plates' Summer Meals Grant is Now Open!

Apply by April 10 for up to \$10,000 to support your summer meal operations. The grant can help with equipment and supplies, staff training and professional development, taste tests, transportation, marketing and outreach, and more. Learn more on the [grant webpage](#) and contact Finn at fmadden@fullplates.org with any questions.

Note that Full Plates will also have a mini-grant later in the summer specifically to support summer spike events. More to come in late June!