

JULY 30, 2026

Child Nutrition Thursday Update

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DEADLINE

APPROACHING!!

August 15th is 3 Weeks away!!

Checklist Documents **MUST** be signed by the
Superintendent/Legal Agent

Please refer to the **Application User Guide**
located in the **CNPweb Help Tab**

Attention Provision II Schools!

Start of School Details for schools that are base year (year 1)

1. All students must have access to the F2027 Free and Reduced School Meal Benefit Application.
2. Prior to the 1st day of school, run the DC list and update their student eligibility status.
3. All DC students will need to be notified of their Meal Status.
4. Students NOT on the DC list, are set to paid until their F2027 meal application is submitted and processed to the updated eligibility status. Notification letter to be sent to families.
5. For your September Claim only, use last year's Free and Reduced percentages as student eligibility status is carried over **30 SCHOOL DAYS** from the 1st day of school. Last year's percentages are listed on your F2026 school claim under Eligibility Information.
6. You must complete Verification in your base year.

Reminder - During your base year, you cannot use a tic sheet. You must claim a student meal by eligibility status for the entire school year.

Open office hours will be held during the times below to answer any Provision II questions:

Thursday, August 6th at 1pm

Thursday, August 13th at 9am

Please email jodi.truman@maine.gov for the link to attend the open office hour of your choice.

SY 2027 Administrative Review Schedule

The SY 2027 Administrative Review (AR) schedule has been posted on our [website](#). Procurement reviews are conducted at the same time as AR's and are typically a desk audit. As a reminder, reviews are conducted on a 5-year review cycle; however, can be more frequent.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Funds- SY 2027

Schools that participated in FFVP last school year and were awarded in SY 2027, can use remaining funds from June to operate FFVP in September. The PY rollover column of the SY 27 FFVP usage report, shows the funds that are available through September 30th. Starting October 1st, the new FFVP allocation can start being used.

Net Off Invoice (NOI)

SY 2027 allocations have been sent to the processors.

Please be sure that you

Have accounts with both www.k12foodservice.com and www.processorlink.com

Go into those accounts and make sure that you have the **CORRECT** distributor selected for each processor

- If you do not you will not receive your discount!

For any questions please contact Michele Bisbee
michele.bisbee@maine.gov



Save the Date **Maine Harvest Lunch Week**

Maine Harvest Lunch Week will be celebrated **September 21–25, 2026!** For more than 20 years, Maine schools have marked this annual celebration by featuring Maine-grown and Maine-harvested foods, supporting local producers, and helping students learn where their food comes from. Schools are encouraged to celebrate throughout the week with local menu items, taste tests, classroom activities, visits from farmers and fishermen, and other creative connections to Maine's food system. More information and resources will be shared soon!

Pledge to Maine Harvest of the Month for SY 27!

Now is the time to pledge to participate in Maine's Harvest of the Month during the 2026–27 school year!

This year, participating schools will receive **one annual mailing** containing posters and toolkits for every Harvest of the Month. Having all materials at once will make it easier to plan menus ahead, mix and match featured months, and celebrate local foods throughout the school year.

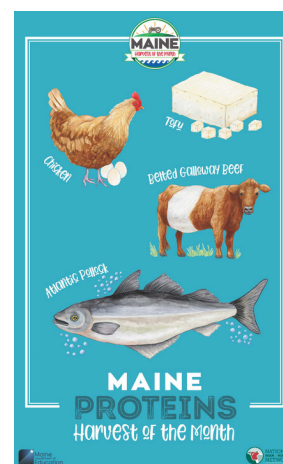
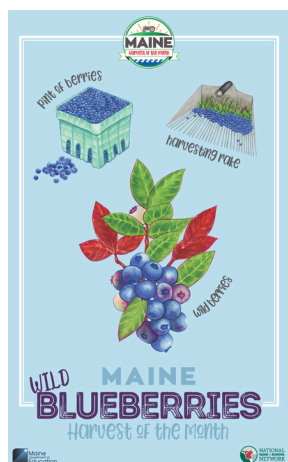
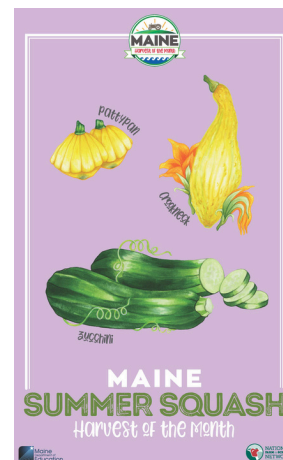
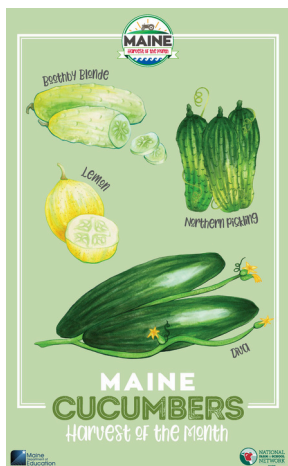
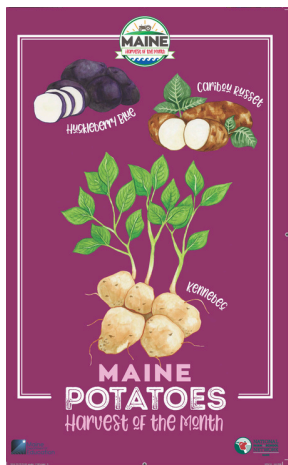
The annual mailing will also include exciting new resources:

- NEW all-season Harvest of the Month stickers that can be used interchangeably throughout the year, helping reduce waste.
- NEW Harvest of the Month recipe book with recipes for every featured product, including our new bonus Seafood Month.
- NEW Bonus Seafood Month materials, including posters, source cards, recipes, and other resources that can be used during any month or alongside Protein Month.

Already have the posters you need? Please pledge anyway! You can indicate on the pledge form whether you'd like to receive a mailing or not. Your pledge helps us document participation and demonstrate the continued value of the program.

[\[Pledge today!\]](#)

Questions? Contact Katie Knowles at Katie.Knowles@maine.gov.



School Nutrition Programs

Annual Training

(Formerly the Fall Info Meeting)

September 16, 2026

9:00-3:00

Augusta Civic Center

Registration - \$50

Payable by credit card
at time of registration

Stay informed, connected, and inspired at this comprehensive training designed specifically for school nutrition professionals. This day of training will provide the latest updates, practical strategies, and opportunities to collaborate with peers from across the state.

Training topics include:

- Department of Education Child Nutrition updates
- Changes to the Dietary Guidelines and reduced sugar limits
- Smart swaps for healthier school meals
- Off-site Pre-K meal requirements and best practices
- Roundtable discussions on current challenges, innovative ideas, and solutions
- And much more!

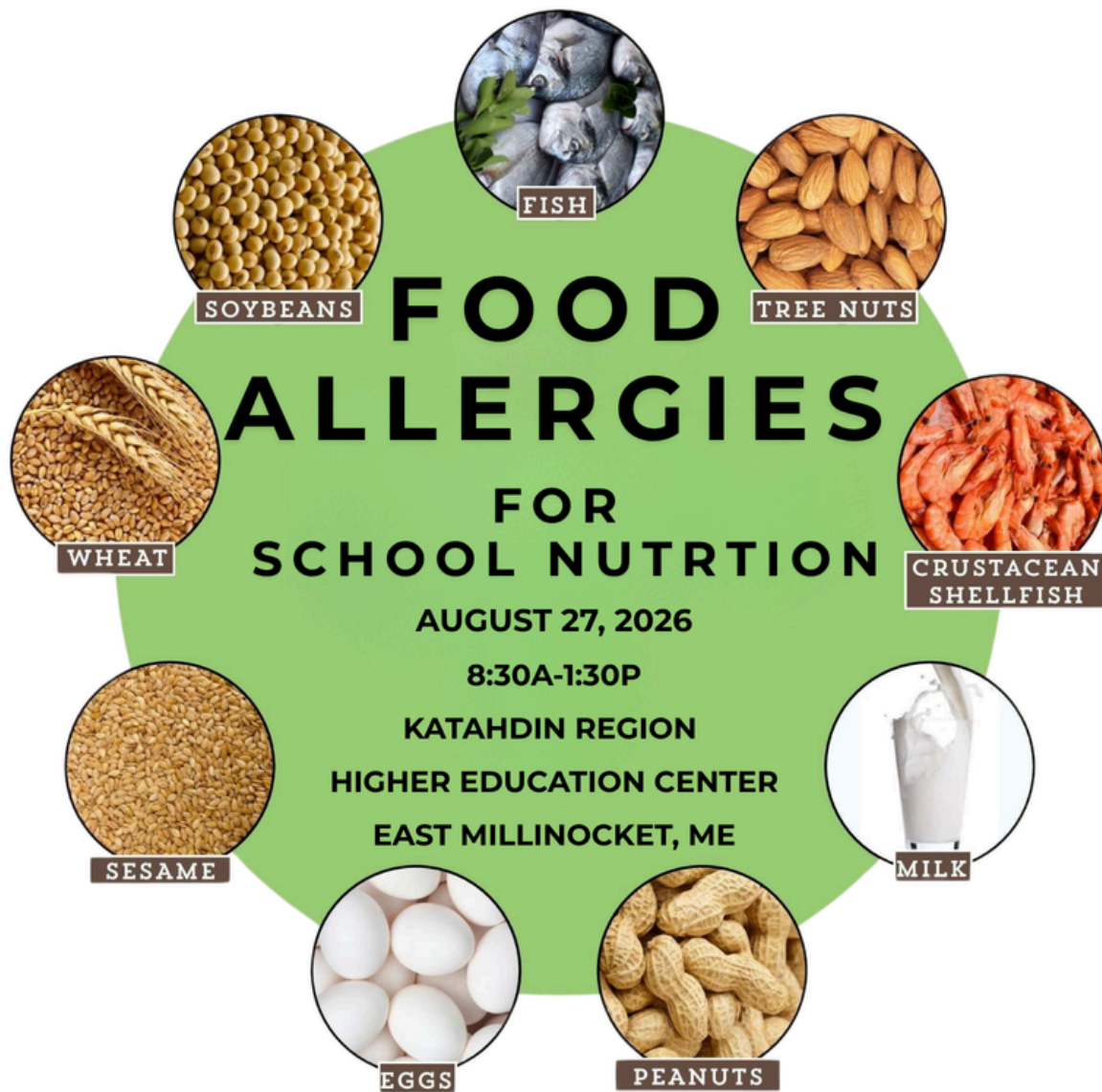
Whether you're looking to stay current on regulations, discover new ideas, or network with fellow professionals, this training offers valuable information you can take back to your program.

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your knowledge, share experiences, and strengthen your school nutrition program.

We look forward to seeing you there!



**Other Available
Trainings You May
Find Interesting**



REGISTER HERE

School nutrition professionals who take this course will learn about food allergies, food intolerance, reading food labels, avoiding cross contact, accommodating students with food allergies, laws regarding food allergies, and educating the school community about food allergies.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Email mcharette@millinocketschools.org for more information.



FACE-TO FACE TRAINING FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION PROFESSIONALS

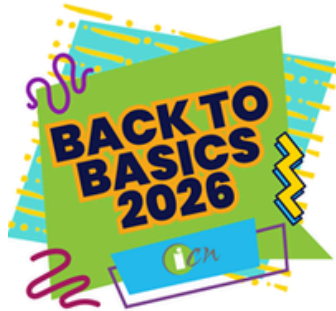
Use the link below to register

<https://forms.gle/19Hps6nd9krSmW3B7>

If you have questions regarding this training, please contact Mia Charette,
mcharette@millinocketschools.org

[View as Webpage](#)

The countdown to a new school year is on, and ICN is here to help you start strong!



Take it Back To Basics with our trusted resources that school nutrition professionals across the country rely on year after year. Whether you're refreshing your knowledge, onboarding new staff, or preparing your program for a successful school year, you'll find practical tools, training, and guidance all in one place.



Explore online courses and resources on topics including:

- Food Safety
- Meal Pattern Requirements
- Food Production
- Procurement
- Standardized Recipes
- and More!

Don't miss the extensive list of self-paced, **NO-COST** online courses on the iLearn Back-to-School page.



Complete the courses to earn your B2S Ready Badge and celebrate your accomplishment.

Share your badge on LinkedIn and Facebook to let your colleagues know you are #B2SReady!

Click Here to Get Back to Basics!

Looking for even more opportunities to prepare?

ICN ACCELERATOR

Back-to-School Edition

The start of a new school year is one of the most demanding moments in school nutrition — and one of the most important times to invest in your professional development. ICN Accelerator: Back-to-School Edition is a free, full-day virtual summit designed to meet school nutrition professionals exactly where they are: in the critical window before and after the return to school, when practical knowledge has the most direct impact on operations.



-  FREE VIRTUAL SUMMIT
-  1 FULL DAY
-  LUNCH & LEARN
-  EXPERT-LED SESSIONS
-  LIVE Q&A
-  PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Fast-track learning for the field!

Choose Your Date



July 23, 2026
8:00am–3:00pm ET



August 25, 2026
8:00am–3:00pm PT

**REGISTER
TODAY**