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Now available, [What's Cooking? USDA Mixing Bowl!](#)

This new interactive tool is designed to help consumers, school nutrition professionals, child care centers, and community leaders find nutritious and budget-friendly recipes. The website includes household recipes scaled for families as well as quantity recipes for schools and child care centers. More than 400 of the large quantity recipes have been standardized by USDA and include information on how the recipe contributes toward the updated meal pattern requirements for school food service.

What's Cooking? USDA Mixing Bowl was developed in collaboration with the [Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion](#) (CNPP) and the [Food and Nutrition Service](#) (FNS) program areas and was initiated to create user-friendly and streamlined access to USDA recipes; and to meet the specific needs of nutrition assistance program participants and educators. This site fills a unique niche in the marketplace, featuring comprehensive search and sort capabilities; and is available in both English and Spanish.

What's Cooking? USDA Mixing Bowl includes:

- Advanced search filter options by specific USDA programs, course, cooking equipment and cuisine
- “Themed” nutrition focus searching in areas specific to food groups and nutrients
- Nutrition information for many recipes, including detailed nutrient and MyPlate food group amounts
- Access to the [USDA Foods Fact Sheets](#) and corresponding recipes
- [Quantity recipes](#) for USDA programs or to feed larger crowds
- The ability to share recipes on social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) and provide star ratings, comments, or tips for other users
- Option to select recipes to create a personal cookbook to print or download

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