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Announcements from the WI DPI School Nutrition Team

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- Updates from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- Updates from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) School Nutrition Team
- Other Updates and Information

Updates from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

2019 Farm to School Census

The 2019 Farm to School Census is reaching the home stretch, with the window for submitting surveys closing December 6! USDA is encouraging all School Food Authorities (SFAs) to complete their Census surveys as soon as possible to ensure that their important work is reflected in this updated report.

The Farm to School Census is the only nationwide survey measuring the extent of Farm to School activity in schools and the utilization of local food products in school feeding programs. In this year's Farm to School Census, USDA is collecting information from all schools participating in Federal School Meal Programs; including public and private schools, charter schools, and residential facilities.

Please make sure that we can share the most accurate information possible for your programs and for others who want to plan Farm to School activities in the future.

Complete your survey today!

Are You In the Know with Crediting Updates?

Team Nutrition's [Crediting Updates for Child Nutrition Programs: Be in the Know! Webinar Series](#) is now complete. All five recorded webinars are available on demand so you can ensure you are up-to-date on all of the recent crediting changes in CNPs.

Need Some Help Using the Food Buying Guide Interactive Web Tool and Mobile App?

Check out the following webinar recordings available to assist you in using and navigating the tool and its capabilities.

- [Food Buying Guide Goes Digital](#)
- [Navigating the Food Buying Guide Calculator](#)
- [Exhibit A Grains Tool to the Rescue!](#)

Technical Assistance Updates: Resources and Webinars Now Available for Child Nutrition Programs

Available Now! You can access the FBG Mobile App on your mobile device as a registered user with an authentication account. Create and save a "Favorite Foods List," a "Shopping List," analyze a grains item on the Exhibit A Grains Tool on the Mobile App, and then access these items on other mobile devices as well as the FBG Web Tool. Stay tuned for the ability to access any saved information on the FBG Web Tool, such as a completed Recipe Analysis Workbook (RAW) or Product Formulation Statement (PFS) on the Mobile App.

Have you downloaded the [FBG Mobile App](#)? Check to ensure you have the most current version of the app on your mobile devices!

Updates from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) School Nutrition Team

[Take the pledge](#) and help the SNT reach our goal of 80 SFAs participating in Around the World in 80 Trays!



Wisconsin School Breakfast Challenge

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Hunger Task Force, No Kid Hungry and School Nutrition Association of Wisconsin are working together to sponsor the annual Wisconsin School Breakfast Challenge, which helps school districts provide a healthy breakfast and a great start for every student.

From December 2, 2019 through March 6, 2020, schools across Wisconsin will compete to serve more breakfasts to students. Not only will schools win monetary prizes for increasing participation, this year offers a “Big Cheese” bonus award for all participating schools.

What can you win?

First place (receiving \$1,000) and second place (receiving \$750) prizes will be awarded in each of the following categories.

- Colby – district enrollment greater than 875 students
- Swiss – district enrollment between 275 and 875 students
- Mozzarella – district enrollment less than 275 students
- Cheddar – districts implementing School Breakfast Program this year
- “Big Cheese” – new this year, a bonus category for all participating schools outlined in the Toolkit below

How do you sign up?

Easy! [Fill out our Challenge Entry form.](#)

School Breakfast Challenge Toolkit

Get everything you need for a successful school breakfast challenge, including the Big Cheese Scorecard and EXCLUSIVE School Breakfast grants available to ALL contestants, with our 2019-2020 [Wisconsin School Breakfast Toolkit!](#)

Lunchbox Webinar: Mark Your Calendars!

Mark your calendars for the second Lunchbox Webinar: *unpacking a healthy mix of school nutrition topics*. Join us Tuesday, December 10, from 2:00-3:00 PM for an in-depth dive into two school nutrition topics: Food Safety and Around the World in 80 Trays. We'll give you something to snack on by providing GOALS credit and professional standards hours by participating. Join the webinar using the [Lunchbox Webinar](#) webpage.