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Dear Food Service Contact,

This email provides news for schools concerning the Child Nutrition Programs from the USDA and the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE). If you are the food service contact for your school or corporation, it is your responsibility to relay important information provided to you about the Child Nutrition Programs to other staff members.

Crediting Update from USDA - Correction

- The USDA recently released the memos about crediting new items.
- **[SP 21-2019 Crediting Shelf-Stable, Dried and Semi-Dried Meat, Poultry, and Seafood Products in the Child Nutrition Programs](#)**
 - Shelf-stable, dried, and semi-dried meat, poultry, and seafood, such as beef jerky or summer sausage are now creditable as meat.
 - Dried meat, poultry, or seafood products will not be included in the Food Buying Guide due to a wide variety of production standards.
 - Product Formulation Statements (PFSs) or products labeled under the CN Labeling Program are two acceptable formats for documenting meal contributions from these products.
 - Additional crediting guidelines are outlined in the memo.
- **[SP 22-2019 Crediting Coconut, Hominy, Corn Masa, and Corn Flour in the Child Nutrition Programs](#)**
 - Note that dried coconut, coconut flour, and coconut oil are not creditable.
 - Menu planners must consider coconut's caloric and saturated fat content, which may limit its frequency of use in school menus.
 - Coconut, either fresh or frozen, can now credit as a fruit based on the volume served.
 - Hominy can now credit as either a vegetable (such as canned hominy) or a grain (when in the form of dry hominy grits).
 - Corn masa, corn flour, and cornmeal are now creditable as whole grain rich ingredients.
- **[SP 23-2019 Crediting Popcorn in the Child Nutrition Programs](#)**
 - Schools may now serve popcorn as a whole grain component.
 - For NSLP and SBP, three cups of popped popcorn counts as one oz. equivalent of grains in a reimbursable meal.
 - FNS encourages sponsors to pair popcorn with other creditable grains since a high volume of popcorn would need to be offered to meet minimum portion size requirements.
 - NSLP operators must ensure that any oil or fat used to pop the popcorn is included in the nutrient profile.
- **[SP 26-2019 Crediting Pasta Products Made of Vegetable Flour in the Child Nutrition Programs](#)**

- Pastas made of vegetable flour(s) can credit as a vegetable, even if the pasta is not served with another recognizable vegetable.
- Pasta made of 100 percent vegetable flour(s) can credit for the same amount of the appropriate vegetable subgroup (ex. 1/2 cup of 100 percent lentil pasta credits as 1/2 cup of beans and peas subgroup).
- Detailed crediting information is explained in the memo.
- Keep in mind, this crediting does not apply to grain-based pasta products that contain small amounts of vegetable powder for color (e.g., spinach, sun-dried tomato).
- [Surimi Seafood](#) and [Tempeh](#) crediting memos were released as well.
- The Food Buying Guide will be updated with this new crediting information. IDOE will send information about the update in the weekly newsletter when this information is released.
- Questions? Contact your Field Specialist or Allie Caito-Sipe at acaito@doe.in.gov or 317-232-0849.

Surplus Dump

- IDOE will have the annual Surplus Dump on the following days in May at 9:00 a.m., EST:
 - Wednesday, May 1
 - Thursday, May 2
 - Friday, May 3
- It is first come, first serve until the inventory is depleted for that day.
- In order to participate, schools must log into the CNPweb and go to the Food Distribution Program green puzzle piece.
 - Go to program year 2019 and click the Allocations tab.
 - Click the gray "Add Surplus" button in the upper right hand corner.
 - Place the quantity in the white box of each item you wish to add to your inventory.
 - Click Next Page and then Submit.
 - Once you have made all of your selections, click the inventory tab to view them.
- Please note! As always, you will be charged the \$2.95 per case administrative fee for brown box items.
- In addition, the expire dates still apply during summer break.
 - If your items remain at the state contracted warehouse (Dilgard, Stanz, McFarling or Wabash) past the expire date listed under the inventory tab in CNPweb, you will be charged excess storage fees.
 - Please be sure to remove all items from the warehouse to avoid these storage fees.
- Questions? Contact Cheryl Moore at cmoore@doe.in.gov.

Back to School Event

- IDOE will be hosting the first annual Back to School Event on Thursday, July 25 at the Ivy Tech Culinary and Conference Center in Indianapolis, IN.
 - This free training event will help Food Service Directors have the most up-to-date and thorough information from different areas within school nutrition to ensure a successful school year.
 - The day before the event, Wednesday, July 24, the American Dairy Association Indiana will be hosting a tour of a dairy farm followed by dinner.
 - Participants will be taken via bus to Milco Dairy Farm in Lewisville, IN for both the tour and dinner.
 - Buses begin boarding at 4:15 p.m. and will return by 8:30 p.m.
 - This is free for those attending the Back to School Event.
 - To view the save the date, click [here](#).
 - Click [here](#) for more information and to register
 - Questions? Contact Maggie Schabel at mschabel@doe.in.gov or Ashley Heller at aheller@doe.in.gov.
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Reminder! Coffee Break Webinars

- Don't forget about IDOE's Coffee Break Webinars that are happening through the month of May!
 - Click [here](#) for more information and to register.
 - Questions? Contact Maggie Schabel at mschabel@doe.in.gov.
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Please do not reply directly to this email. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this email, please contact Allie Caito-Sipe at acaito@doe.in.gov, call (317) 232-0849, or toll-free at 1-800-537-1142 ext. 20849, or contact Ashley Heller at aheller@doe.in.gov, call (317) 232-0544, or toll-free at 1-800-537-1142 ext. 20544.