

Updated US Department of Agriculture Non-Discrimination Statement and Exemption Opportunity:

On May 5, the US Department of Agriculture published an updated [Non-Discrimination Statement](#) (NDS) that included non-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and non-discrimination on the basis of gender identity. All documents, pamphlets, websites, etc. must be updated with the new statement as noted below. Under U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulation 7 CFR 15a.205, educational institutions and other entities may claim an exemption from the provisions of Title IX by submitting a written declaration to the Secretary of Agriculture identifying the provisions that conflict with a specific tenet of the religious organization by submitting a request in writing to the US Department of Agriculture.

1. Websites must be updated within 90 days of the date of this memorandum.
2. Documents, pamphlets, brochures, etc., using 2015 NDS language must be updated when current supply on hand is exhausted or by September 30, 2023.
3. All new printing must use the 2022 NDS.
4. And Justice For All Posters: Currently posted must remain in place until new posters are received. The Office is ordering new posters for all sponsors and sites and will keep sponsors and sites updated on receipt and mailing.

Celebrate Farm to Summer Week June 20 – June 24th: Join the Ohio Department of Education, Office of Nutrition, daily at 1pm, June 20-24th, for *The Daily Dig In! Ohio Celebrates Farm to Summer*, a weeklong virtual series focused on bringing Farm to Summer activities to child nutrition programs in the summer months. Visit the [Claims Reimbursement and Reporting System \(CRRS\) training registration page](#) to register.

- Monday June 20 (prerecorded): School Gardens Rock
- Tuesday June 21: Local Foods in Summer Meals
- Wednesday June 22: Fabulous Farms and Farmers Markets
- Thursday June 23: Cucumber Crunch Celebration!
- Friday June 24: Farm to Summer Culinary Connection

Send Us Your Center Garden Photos: The Office is seeking photos of center gardens for feature during Ohio Farm to Summer Week (June 20-24th) and on the [Ohio Farm to School](#) webpage! Please send photos with a brief description of your garden to Amy.Parker@education.ohio.gov. Photos submitted with children must include a statement of confirmation that a media release has been signed for the child.

Marketing Local Foods on Menus: Any Child Nutrition program with a menu item that uses one Ohio Proud item is welcome to be part of Ohio Proud on the Menu. Ohio Proud products are at least 50% raised, grown, or processed in Ohio, meet all inspection and labeling requirements and are part of the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Ohio Proud program. Complete this [form](#) about the use of [Ohio Proud](#) foods and the Ohio Proud on the Menu logo will be available to your organization for promotional purposes. Your school or organization will also be listed on the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Ohio Proud [Farm to School](#) webpage as an Ohio Proud on

the Menu Child Nutrition program. Contact Elizabeth.Douglass@education.ohio.gov with any questions.

Newly Updated Crediting Handbook for the CACFP: Team Nutrition just released the updated [Crediting Handbook for the Child and Adult Care Food Program](#). This updated resource is an important supplemental companion to the *Food Buying Guide* for CACFP operators for crediting and meal planning. The handbook provides information on the CACFP meal patterns, crediting guidance for each meal component, a “Crediting in Action” section to practice crediting skills, and a list of helpful resources. A major revision includes the transition to crediting grains in ounce equivalents (oz, eq) instead of grains/breads servings, which went into effect on October 1, 2021. Printed copies will be available for ordering from Team Nutrition in the Fall and an online Spanish-version will be available later this year.

CACFP Meal Pattern Training Webinars: This training details the meal pattern requirements for infants, children and adults, types of meal service and best practices. This training is intended for all existing sponsors or childcare centers, Head Start programs, at-risk afterschool programs, outside school hours centers, emergency/homeless shelters, adult day care centers and family day care home sponsors. All trainings are conducted every two months and will be conducted as webinars. Participants will receive an email with a webinar link and additional information closer to the webinar date. Each webinar will focus on different areas of the meal pattern. Please visit the [Claims Reimbursement and Reporting System \(CRRS\) training registration page](#) to register. Please note: Registration will close the day before the training. Upcoming training dates:

- June 15, 2022 - Fruit/Vegetable/Milk/Service Types
- June 22, 2022 - Grains

CACFP Recordkeeping Training: This training provides guidance to CACFP sponsors or childcare centers, Head Start programs, afterschool programs, emergency shelters, and adult daycare centers. This training serves as a refresher for staff responsible for paperwork and oversight of the CACFP. Training is held monthly and will be conducted as webinars across two days in four-hour sessions. Participants will receive an email with a webinar link and additional information closer to the webinar date. Please visit the [Claims Reimbursement and Reporting System \(CRRS\) training registration page](#) to register. Please note: Registration will close the day before the training. Upcoming training dates:

- June 28, 2022 (Day One) and June 29, 2022 (Day Two)
- August 2, 2022 (Day One) and August 3, 2022 (Day Two)

Claims Reimbursement and Reporting System (CRRS) Claim Entry Reminders: Refer to the [Claims for Reimbursement Submission Due Date publication](#) for claim deadlines. After entering claims for reimbursement, be sure the claim is saved in accepted status. If the claim is in pending status, the sponsor has additional steps to

complete in the claim. Claims in error status must have the error addressed by the sponsor before the claim can be processed. Although claims with warnings may appear in accepted status, sponsors should email their program specialist about the warning or address the warning before the claim is processed. Contact your education program specialist if you have any questions about your claim for reimbursement.

Looking for CACFP Forms and Information? Sign into the [Claims Reimbursement and Reporting System \(CRRS\)](#). Select Applications in the banner at the top. Then click on Download Forms. This section includes annual forms and resources for applying and administering the program including appeal procedures. Additional information, including the information for filing a civil rights complaint and appeal procedures are available on the Department's [child nutrition program webpages](#).