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The topics and summary for this program will include Food and Nutrition programs, such as:

- National School Lunch Program provides nutritious lunches and the opportunity to practice skills learned in classroom nutrition education.
- School Breakfast Program provides nutritious breakfasts to promote learning readiness and healthy eating behaviors.
- Special Milk Program offers milk to children who do not have access to other meal programs.
- Child and Adult Care Food Program plays a vital role in improving the quality of day care for children and elderly adults by making care more affordable for low-income families.
- Summer Food Service Program is the largest resource for local organizations wanting to combine a feeding program with a summer activity program for children.

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## USDA Food & Nutrition Service (FNS)

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# About FNS

## **Our Vision:**

To End Hunger and Improve Nutrition in America

## **Our Mission:**

Increase food security and reduce hunger by providing children and low-income people access to food, a healthful diet and nutrition education in a way that supports American agriculture and inspires public confidence.

## **Our Priorities:**

Program Integrity  
Customer Service  
Self Sufficiency

Essential to this mission is our work with partners to provide stakeholders a clear understanding of nutrition program criteria.



## About FNS

- Over 11.8% of households in the U.S. report some level of food insecurity; highest rates are in metropolitan and rural areas.
- Over one-third of adults (37.7%) and approximately 17% of children in the U.S. are clinically obese (CDC).
- FNS works to end food insecurity and obesity through the administration of 15 federal nutrition assistance programs including WIC, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and school meals.
- In partnership with state and tribal governments, FNS programs serve 1 in 4 Americans during the course of a year.



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# Nutrition Assistance Programs

- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
- Disaster Assistance
- Farmers Market Nutrition Program
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- School Breakfast Program (SBP)



# Nutrition Assistance Programs

- Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program
- Special Milk Program
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- USDA Foods for Child Nutrition Programs





# Child Nutrition Programs

FNS administers several programs that provide healthy food to children including:

- **National School Lunch Program,**
- **School Breakfast Program,**
- **Child and Adult Care Food Program,**
- **Summer Food Service Program,**
- **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, and**
- **Special Milk Program.**

Administered by State agencies, each of these programs helps fight hunger and obesity by reimbursing organizations such as schools, child care centers, and after-school programs for providing healthy meals to children.



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# Child Nutrition Programs

## School Meals

- **School Breakfast Program (SBP)**: Meal pattern requires three components- fruits, grains and milk. Menu planners have the option to include meat/meat alternatives in meeting the grain requirement and vegetables in place of or in addition to the breakfast fruit requirement.
- **National School Lunch Program (NSLP)**: Components include fruits, vegetables, meat, grains and milk. The meal pattern's dietary specifications set specific calorie limits to ensure age-appropriate meals for each grade band (K-5, 6-8, and 9-12).
  - While school meals must meet Federal requirements, decisions about what specific foods to serve and how they are prepared are made by local school food authorities.



# Child Nutrition Programs

## School Meals (continued)

- **Special Milk Program (SMP)**: Provides reimbursement for milk served to children in schools and childcare institutions who do not participate in other Federal meal service programs.
- **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)**: Provides free fresh fruits and vegetables to students in participating elementary schools during the school day.



# Child Nutrition Programs

## CACFP and Summer Meals

- **Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)**: Reimburses providers who serve nutritious foods to eligible children and adults in daycare and afterschool programs.
  - More than 4.8 million children and 133,000 adults receive nutritious meals and snacks each day.
- **Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)**: Reimburses local providers who serve free healthy meals to children and teens in low-income areas during the summer months when school is not in sessions.
  - Fun activities at sites can hold interest and can support physical and mental activity throughout the Summer.



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# Child Nutrition Programs

## COVID Response

### Nationwide Waivers

- **Unanticipated School Closures**
  - **Meal Service Times**
  - **Non-Congregate Feeding**
  - **OVS in High Schools**
- **Afterschool Snack Activity**
  - **Meal Pattern**
  - **Parental Pick-Up**



# Child Nutrition Programs

## COVID Response

### Nationwide Waivers

- **FFVP at Alternate Sites**
  - **CEP Data**
- **Child Nutrition Monitoring**
  - **Area Eligibility**
  - **60 Day Reporting**
  - **FSMC Contract Duration**
- **Local School Wellness Assessments**



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# Child Nutrition Programs

## COVID Response

### P-EBT: SERO State Agencies

- **7,968,069 Households**
- **10,971,440 Students**
- **\$2,708,668,983.46 in Benefits**



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# Child Nutrition Programs

## Other Provisions of Note

- ❖ **Smart Snacks in Schools**: Sets nutrition standards for all foods and beverages sold in schools outside of the Federal Child Nutrition Programs.
- ❖ **Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)**: A meal service option for local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools in high-poverty areas. By eliminating the household application process and streamlining meal counting and claiming procedures, CEP may substantially reduce administrative burden related to operating the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.





# WIC

## **Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)**

- Serves low-income pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk.
- Provides participants with nutritious foods to supplement diets through benefits tailored to specific nutritional needs, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and referrals to health and other social services through a local WIC clinic.
- Is administered by 90 State agencies, including 50 States, 34 Indian Tribal Organizations, American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Commonwealth of the North Marianas Islands, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.



# WIC Farmers' Markets

## WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program:

- Provides women, infants, and children certified to receive WIC benefits with checks or coupons that can be utilized for eligible foods (fruits, vegetables, honey and fresh-cut herbs) at State agency approved farmer's markets, roadside stands, and community-supported agriculture programs.
- Is administered by FNS through a Federal/State partnership in which FNS provides cash grants to State agencies. FMNP is operated by State agencies such as State Agriculture Departments, State Health Departments or Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs).



# Senior Farmers' Markets

## Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program:

- Provides nutrition assistance to low-income seniors, generally defined as individuals who are at least 60 years old and have household incomes of not more than 185 percent of the Federal poverty income guidelines.
- Awards grants to States, U.S. Territories, and Federally recognized ITOs to provide low-income seniors with coupons that can be exchanged for eligible foods at farmers' markets, roadside stands and Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs.
- FNS-administered at the Federal level and State-level administered by Departments of Agriculture or Agencies of Aging.



# Commodity Programs

**Strengthens the Nation's nutrition safety net by providing food and nutrition assistance to school children and families throughout the nation.**

- **The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)** distributes food to food banks and other emergency feeding organizations.
- **The Commodity Supplemental Food Program** provides food packages to low-income elderly people.
- USDA also purchases and distributes food commodities for **assistance in major disasters or emergencies** when other food supplies are not readily available.
- **Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)** provides foods directly to low-income households living on Indian reservations, and to American Indian households residing in other approved areas.



# USDA Foods for Child Nutrition Programs

**Nutritious, domestically sourced and produced foods that support the nation's school nutrition programs.**

- FNS distribution of vegetables, fruits, dairy products, whole grains, lean meats, and other protein options to States to support the approximately 100,000 public and private nonprofit schools that participate in meal programs for students. States receive a certain value of USDA Foods entitlement funds based on a formula that multiplies the number of lunches served in the State by a per-meal rate.
- In addition to school meals (Breakfast, Lunch and Summer) FNS also distributes USDA Foods to day care centers through the Child and Adult Care Food Program.



# The FNS Center for Nutrition Policy & Promotion

**Works to improve the health and well-being of Americans by developing and promoting dietary guidance that links scientific research to the nutrition needs of consumers.**

- **Dietary Guidelines:** The *2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGAs)* emphasize the importance of creating a healthy eating pattern to maintain health and reduce the risk of disease. The DGAs serve as the cornerstone for Federal nutrition programs. USDA and Health and Human Services (HHS) work together to update every five years.
- **MyPlate:** Illustrates the five food groups – Fruits, Vegetables, Grains, Proteins, and Dairy, that are the building blocks for a healthy diet. MyPlate is designed to remind Americans to eat healthfully, and is not intended to change consumer behavior alone.



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## Disaster Assistance

**FNS plays a vital role in providing supplemental assistance when disasters occur by coordinating with State, local and voluntary organizations to:**

- provide food for shelters and other mass feeding sites.
- distribute food packages directly to households in specific situations,
- offer flexibility in nutrition assistance programs' design and administration to continue providing benefits to participants in need, and
- approve eligible States' requests to operate a Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP).



# WIC Disaster Preparedness

- Although WIC does not operate as a disaster relief program, flexibilities can be implemented during a disaster to ensure benefits continue to be issued.
- FNS has guidance outlining the existing program flexibilities and practices that are most effective as a State agency prepares for and responds to emergencies and disasters.
- Optimal Nutrition Status continues to be the goal for WIC participants during disasters.





# Special Nutrition Programs Disaster Preparedness

- Situations of Distress
- Major Disaster Declarations
  - Made by the President or State Governors
  - Allows State Agency Flexibilities
  - Granted on a Case-by-Case Basis
  - Stafford Act



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# GRANTS MANAGEMENT AND OPPORTUNITIES

## The CNP Grants Management Team:

- Analyzes State funding needs
- Requests funds from the National Office
- Records obligations and authorizations
- Reviews budgets
- Monitors timeliness and accuracy of reports
- Performs grant reconciliations
- Monitors and adjusts funds provided to States
- Provides technical assistance to States
- Conducts financial management reviews of States.



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# USDA GRANTS AND LOANS

## that Support Farm to School Activities

Funding from the US Department of Agriculture is available to assist farms, schools, and every link in between in feeding kids healthy local meals; teaching them about food, farming and nutrition; and supporting local agricultural economies. While the programs listed below provide a good starting point for those looking to bolster farm to school efforts, other USDA grant and loan programs support local food systems work as well. Visit <http://www.usda.gov/farmtoschool> for more information.

**NOTE:**  
Eligibility guidelines can be quite specific, so be sure to confirm your eligibility on the webpage for the grant or loan program before applying. In addition, non-eligible entities can often partner with eligible entities to benefit from programs they might not otherwise have access to.

I am a... <b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>	I am a... <b>FARMER, RANCHER, OR FARM LANDOWNER</b>	I am a... <b>STATE AGENCY OR TRIBAL GOVERNMENT/ORG</b>	I am a... <b>NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION</b>	I am a... <b>PRIVATE BUSINESS, PUBLIC BENEFITS CORPORATION, OR AG CO-OP</b>	I am a... <b>HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION</b>	I am a... <b>K-12 PUBLIC, PRIVATE, OR INDIAN TRIBAL SCHOOL</b>
Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Grants	Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Grants	Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Grants	Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Grants	Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Grants	Federal-State Marketing Improvement Grants	Farm to School Planning & Implementation Grants
Farm to School Planning, Implementation, and Training Grants	Farm Loans Farm Storage Facility Loans	Federal-State Marketing Improvement Grants Specialty Crop Block Grants	Farm Storage Facility Loans Farm to School Planning, Implementation, and Training Grants	Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Grants Farm Loans Farm Storage Facility Loans	Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Grants Sustainable Ag Research and Education Grants	Equipment Assistance Grants Community Facilities Grants and Loans
Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Grants	Farm to School Planning, Implementation, and Training Grants	Farm to School Planning, Implementation, and Training Grants	Community Food Project Grants	Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Grants		
Community Facilities Grants and Loans	Sustainable Ag Research and Education Grants	Team Nutrition Training Grants	Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Grants	Sustainable Ag Research and Education Grants		
Farm to School Planning, Implementation, and Training Grants	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans	Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Grants	Sustainable Ag Research and Education Grants	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans		
Rural Business Development Grants	Value-Added Producer Grants	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans Community Facilities Grants and Loans Rural Business Development Grants	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans Community Facilities Grants and Loans Rural Business Development Grants Rural Cooperative Development Grants Value-Added Producer Grants	Rural Business Development Grants Value-Added Producer Grants		

**KEY:**

- Agricultural Marketing Service
- Farm Service Agency
- Food and Nutrition Service
- National Institute of Food and Agriculture
- Rural Development

### Funding from the Food and Nutrition Service

Farm to School Grants - <http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/grants>

Team Nutrition Training Grants - <http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/team-nutrition-training-grants>

Equipment Assistance Grants - <http://www.fns.usda.gov/2016-nslp-equipment-assistance-grants>

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Nutrition Education (SNAP-Ed) - The goal of SNAP-Ed is to improve the likelihood that persons eligible for SNAP will make healthy choices within a limited budget and choose active lifestyles consistent with the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans and MyPlate. SNAP-Ed funds support direct education, social marketing and public health based approaches to nutrition and obesity prevention. Reach out to your SNAP-Ed lead agency to learn about existing community food systems work. <http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/nutrition-education>

### Funding from the Agricultural Marketing Service

Farmers Market and Local Foods Promotion Grants - <http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/lfpp> and

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp>

Federal State Marketing Improvement Program - <http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fsmip>

Specialty Crop Block Grant Program - <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp>

### Funding from the National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Community Food Project Grants - <https://nifa.usda.gov/program/community-food-projects-competitive-grant-program-cfpcgp>

Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Grants - <https://nifa.usda.gov/program/beginning-farmer-and-rancher-development-program-bfrdp>

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Grants - [www.sare.org/Grants](http://www.sare.org/Grants)

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Grants - <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/afri.html>

### Funding from Rural Development

Community Facilities Grants and Loans - [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/had-cf\\_grants.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/had-cf_grants.html)

Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans - <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-industry-loan-guarantees>

Rural Business Development Grants - <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants>

Value Added Producer Grants - [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP\\_VAPG.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_VAPG.html)

Rural Cooperative Development Grants - [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/bcp\\_rcdg.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/bcp_rcdg.html)

### Funding from the Farm Service Agency

Farm Loans - <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/index>

Farm Storage Facility Loans - [http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA\\_File/frm\\_storage\\_facility\\_lns.pdf](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/frm_storage_facility_lns.pdf) (PDF)

# Resources

## **USDA National Hunger Hotline**

Get food help at 1-866-3-HUNGRY or Text 97779 for “Food”

**FNS website:** [www.fns.usda.gov](http://www.fns.usda.gov)

## **FNS regional office contact information:**

[www.fns.usda.gov/fns-regional-offices](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns-regional-offices)

**SNAP E&T:** <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/federal-jobs-training-programs>



# Resources

**SFSP resources:** [www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks](http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks)

**MyPlate:** [www.choosemyplate.gov/](http://www.choosemyplate.gov/)

**FNS Disaster Response & Assistance:**  
[www.fns.usda.gov/disaster-assistance](http://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster-assistance)





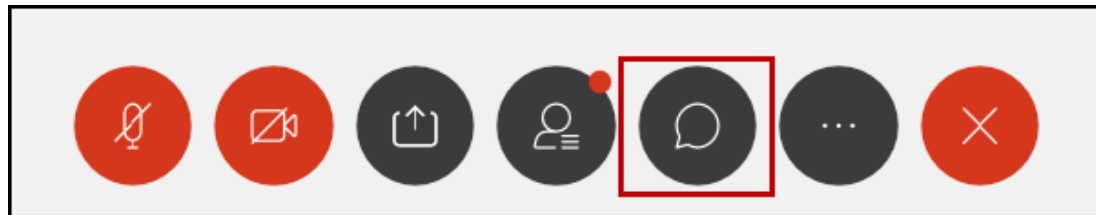
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