



State of Arizona  
Department of Education

**FD# 04-13**

MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Sponsors of the National School Lunch Program and Summer Food Service Program

**From:** Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent  
Arizona Department of Education, Health & Nutrition

Jessica Creed-Capsel, Director  
Arizona Department of Education, School Food Programs

**Date:** August 14, 2012

**RE:** Addendum referencing CN# 24-12, CN# 16-11, SFSP# 04-11 and FD# 04-12

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This is an addendum to memos CN# 24-12, CN# 16-11, SFSP# 04-11 and FD# 04-12 to address the use of school garden produce for nutrition or agriculture education lessons provided outside of the school cafeteria. Under the Arizona Food Code section R9-8-102(9)(e) whole fruits and vegetables that are washed and cut onsite for immediate consumption (i.e. for taste tests) can be offered to students. In efforts to expose students to new and seasonally fresh fruits and vegetables it is important to follow best food safety practices in these innovative education lessons.

For questions about school gardens, please contact the ADE at (602) 542-8700.

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