



State of Arizona
Department of Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sponsors Participating in the USDA Foods Program

FROM: Mary Szafranski, Associate Superintendent
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DATE: May 29, 2014

SUBJECT: Hi-Protein (Greek Style) Yogurt Pilot Program for USDA Foods Program Participants

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The Arizona Department of Education (ADE), Health and Nutrition Services (HNS), along with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), and Farm Service Agency (FSA) is pleased to announce the availability of a hi-protein, non-fat yogurt pilot program for the State of Arizona. Twelve states have been selected for this expanded pilot based on interest, geographic diversity, and ability to test distribution through different warehousing models. The yogurt is being purchased through a fair and open vendor competition. We are unable to identify the vendor until the end of the solicitation period. The product could originate from any location in the United States. Once the solicitation concludes, product will be ordered on a quarterly basis.

USDA will be offering this hi-protein yogurt in two pack sizes: 24/4 oz cups per case of single-serving flavors (vanilla, strawberry, and blueberry) and 6/32 oz tubs per case (plain and vanilla).

Arizona has developed several criteria so this pilot program will again be successful for SY15:

- The hi-protein yogurt will be requested through the Surplus List on CNP2000;
- The hi-protein yogurt will have a 45-day shelf life from date it was manufactured;
- Each Sponsor that orders must be able to incorporate the hi-protein yogurt into their school breakfast and/or lunch menu within the shelf life period;
- The close dates will be seven (7) business days after date of allocation;
- All yogurt allocated through the Surplus List must be on sponsor's next delivery order; and



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- Product must be maintained at 35° – 42° F. during transportation, storage, and service.

Sponsors will be notified when product has been:

- Purchased by the ADE;
- A delivery appointment to the warehouse has been made; and
- The product has been allocated to sponsors.

At the end of the pilot program please complete the online survey that will be sent to the participants because feedback will be important to the success of the pilot program.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation in this hi-protein yogurt pilot program. If you have questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Airica Choquette at Airica.Choquette@azed.gov or 602-364-1973.



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