

School Eats

As an introduction to School Eats, the School Food Programs (SFP) would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and our program areas. As the School Foods Team, we have the privilege of administering the USDA Foods Program, Department of Defense (DoD) Fresh Produce Program, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant Program (FFVP), Farm to School and School Garden Programs. The goal is to give schools access to nutritious foods that help support the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, and Summer Food Service Programs as well as the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

We hope you enjoy this first issue!

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ADE School Food Programs (SFP) Advisory Council

The SFP Advisory Council was reestablished in October 2013 with the goal of expanding communication and collaborating among SFP and schools throughout the state.

Topics pertaining to USDA Foods quality, survey completion, mentorship, increasing customer service and many others were addressed this year. The council was established to mentor those schools that may need additional assistance.

If you need help or have questions related to your foodservice program, please contact any council member for assistance. Furthermore, if you have topics or questions that you would like to have the council address, please email the chairs or co-chairs. (Contact information on the last page.)



Pictured from left to right: **(Top)** Gloria Eddy, Claude Chatelain, Margaret Roush-Meier

(Bottom) David Schwake, Karen Johnson, Emma Kitzman, Kathy Glindmeier, Jane Johnson, Diane Gruman, Sarah Cox, Yome Gokool, Cathy Giza, Sheri Ottersen



SY15 Recipe Cookbook

Currently, members of the ADE Advisory Council sub-committee, Airica Choquette (ADE School Food Programs), Sheri Ottersen (Osborn School District), Emma Kitzman (Tempe Elementary), Julie Hawkins (Adobe Mountain School), Kay Hauser (St. Johns Unified School District), and Pamela Iose (Mingus Union High School District) are working to create a USDA Foods Recipe Book. The recipe book will feature recipes submitted by schools across Arizona. They are hoping to have the book available on the ADE website at the beginning of SY15.



Teriyaki chicken with Asian vegetables will be featured in the SY15 cookbook.

SY14 Processing Conference

Last January, the School Food Programs, with the help of the SY14 Processor Committee, reintroduced the SFP Processing Conference. With 250 attendees filling the Glendale Civic Center, the conference was a huge success thanks to the vendor Food Show and processor trainings.

We plan on hosting the SY15 Processor Conference February 18, 2015 at the

Mesa Convention Center.

Not only will we have more space available to accommodate your needs but we will also introduce breakout sessions to encourage and foster your Summer Food Service Program and your National School Lunch Program.

Look for your 'Save the Date' this summer!



Attendees waited anxiously for the Food Show doors to open.

USDA Foods Available List/Ordering for Arizona

The trucks for SY15 have been ordered. If you completed Planned Usage surveys, please logon to CNP2000 to view any changes that may have been made. Products may have been cancelled or will be solely available through a regular allocation due to fluctuations in the agriculture market and resulting procurement availability by the USDA. We are doing our best to order as many products from USDA that will meet the needs of our schools. We apologize for the inconvenience any of these changes may cause. Please look for the SY15 A & B Calendars to be posted on CNP2000 soon.

The layout of the surveys this year were based on feedback from sponsors around the state. We continue to value your input to better improve our customer service. The surveys for SY16 will be reformatted to simplify the request process. If you have questions, please contact Airica Choquette or Linda Souza-Thompson.



SY15 Yogurt Pilot

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) are pleased to announce the continued 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.

USDA will offer 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).

For more information regarding this pilot, please visit: ade.az.gov/health-nutrition/ and click on 'Memos'.

Welcome Back!

If you're a new or returning sponsor for SY15, Welcome to the USDA Foods Program! The USDA makes available over 180 healthy foods to help run your National School Lunch Program (NSLP). For SY15, USDA Foods are lower in sodium, fat, sugar, and are whole-grain rich to help meet the new Meal Pattern requirements. A Welcome Back Memo will be emailed to each sponsor after your NSLP sponsor

application is approved and you have updated your contact information in the "Delivery Locations" and "Commodity Contacts" sections under the "Contracts" tab of CNP2000.

Our team looks forward to helping you make your school year a success!



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Sign up for training and events!

If you are a new or returning food service employee you have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of events and gain valuable knowledge through various trainings throughout the year. Visit the following website for all your Health and Nutrition and School Food Programs (listed as Food Distribution) registration needs:

<http://www.azed.gov/onlineregistration/>