



Child and Adult Care Food Program

(CACFP) January 2025 Newsletter

CACFP Wishes you a Happy New Year!

“Investing in early childhood nutrition is a surefire strategy. The returns are incredibly high.” ~Anne M. Mulcahy

Try something new in 2025

Check out CACFP Recipes:

Available in English and Spanish on the [Child Nutrition Recipe Box](#) Site.

Quiche With Self-Forming Crust



1 piece provides 1 oz meat alternate, 1/8 cup vegetable, and 0.25 equivalent grains.

Oven-Fried Chicken



1 portion provides 2 oz equivalent meat and 1 oz equivalent grains.

New Civil Rights Training Available

Civil Rights training is an annual requirement. Please see our new Online Training Module:

[CNP: Civil Rights](#)

Thinking Thursday Webinars

Resume February 20, 2025



Registration is required for these free 1-hour sessions; attend the entire session to receive a certificate for your participation. Register here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PYQsaCktSBS1IVua0I99Fw



The Institute of Child Nutrition (ICN) offers free [virtual group training sessions](#) for Child and Adult Care Food Programs (CACFP). Sign up for these new webinars:

- [Culinary Creativity, exploring alternative cooking methods in the CACFP](#), January 21, 2025
- [Revitalizing Menus: Cycle Menus for Success in the CACFP](#), February 18, 2025

USDA New Guidance

Listed below are recent policy memos issued by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). Click on each CACFP Memo to review the full policy memos.

- [CACFP 01-2025](#) Nutrition Requirements for Fluid Milk and Substitutions in the CACFP, Questions and Answers.
- [CACFP 02-2025](#) Offer Versus Serve and Family Style Meals in CACFP.
- [CACFP 03-2025](#) Substituting Vegetables for Grains in American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Tribal Communities.
- [CACFP 04-2025](#) Guidance for Accepting Processed Product Documentation for Meal Pattern Requirements.
- [CACFP 05-2025](#) Grain Requirements in the CACFP: Questions and Answers.
- [CACFP 06-2025](#) Feeding Infants and Meal Pattern Requirements in Child and Adult Care Food Program; Questions and Answers.
- [CACFP 07-2025](#) Requirement to Accept Medical Statements from Registered Dietitians for Schools and Child and Adult Care Institutions and Facilities

FNS Requests Public Comments on Grain-Based Desserts and High-Protein Yogurt Crediting in Child Nutrition Programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) requests comments from the public to help inform future policymaking, guidance, and technical assistance related to grain-based desserts and crediting high-protein yogurt (which may include Greek and Greek-style yogurt) in the Child Nutrition Programs. FNS published Request for Information: Grain-Based Desserts and High-Protein Yogurt Crediting in Child Nutrition Programs on December 26, 2024.

FNS encourages interested persons to submit comments on this request for information on or before March 26, 2025. The public may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Online via the [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#) (preferred method); follow the online instructions for [submitting comments](#).
- Mail: Send comments to School Meals Policy Division, USDA Food and Nutrition Service, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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U.S. Department of Agriculture

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

1400 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

2. fax:

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

3. email:

Program.Intake@usda.gov

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