

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

# SUMMER MEAL

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## October 2023 Monthly Newsletter



### Turnip the Beet Survey Will Offer Important Insight

We appreciate your participation in the USDA Turnip the Beet award program! We ask that all those involved with the Summer Meals Program take our short 6-question survey to

help TDA understand how to best support you in the Turnip the Beet application process. [Take the survey here!](#)

Visit [SquareMeals](#) to find more information.

### Updated Guidance on Meal Service during an Unanticipated School Closure

TDA has received several waivers and additional guidance about the options schools have to serve meals should an unexpected event close a school. If an unanticipated school closure occurs, schools will have the option of serving non-congregate summer meals (SSO or SFSP) if the closure occurs during October through April, non-congregate CACFP At-risk meals at any time in the school year, or non-congregate NSLP/SBP at any time of the school year if

virtual instruction is occurring.

## Now Available! New Food Yields Added to the Food Buying Guide

New yields are now available in the Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs Interactive Web-based (FBG) Tool and FBG Mobile App! New yield data is available for: individually quick-frozen (IQF) black beans, IQF pinto beans, roasted soybeans, roasted chickpeas, fresh oranges, grape tomatoes, and ready-to-use diced and sliced onions.

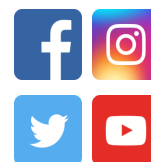
## SY 2023-2024 Special Provisions Carryover Reports

An updated version of the SY 2023-2024 special provisions carryover reports is posted to SquareMeals.org.



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