

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SUMMER MEAL

3E'S OF HEALTHY LIVING *Programs*
EDUCATION, EXERCISE AND EATING RIGHT

August 2023 Monthly Newsletter

News and Resources

[Get Ready for Turnip the Beet!](#)

Last chance to apply for the USDA summer program recognition award! Click the link in the title above for a best practice guide. Click [here](#) for a link to the nomination form! Submit complete applications to Nutrition@TexasAgriculture.gov by September 1.



SY 2023-2024 Special Provisions Carryover Reports

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

Now Available! New Food Yields Added to the Food Buying Guide and FBG Mobile App

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 red beans, frozen diced potatoes, frozen cubed sweet potatoes, brown lentils, and canned black turtle beans. Stay tuned for additional yield data releases coming soon.

New Waiver Allowing Non-Congregate Summer Feeding in Extreme Heat

TDA has received a waiver allowing for non-congregate service at SFSP or SSO outdoor sites experiencing extreme heat. Sites with no alternative, temperature-controlled locations at which to provide congregate summer service must request a waiver for each day the waiver is used, and TDA will verify that a Heat Advisory, Excessive Heat Warning, or Excessive Heat Watch was issued for the area.

New SFSP Resources and Forms Released

New SFSP resources and forms have been added to the [Summer Meals Administration and Forms](#) page. Please review the recently updated FAQs to learn more about how these resources should be used. TDA is in the process of updating the SFSP Supplemental Guide to include these resources.

Download the Quick Reference for SFSP for more information!

Healthy Summer Meals Make a Difference

- In Texas, more than 1 in 5 children struggle with hunger.
- When the school year ends, children often lose access to consistent, nutritious school meals.
- The Summer Meals Program ensures more Texas children have enough food for an active, healthy life.

Remaining COVID-19 Flexibilities and Keep Kids Fed Act Provisions Expired June 30, 2023

All waivers and flexibilities associated with the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and the Keep Kids Fed Act (KKFA) of 2022 expired June 30, 2023. Click the link above for more information.

Beat the Heat! - Child Activity Sheets

Stay cool and hydrated this summer and use this TDA resource for fun indoor activities! Explore 40 pages of nutrition-based flash cards, counting, and coloring – [Download here!](#)

TDA Jobs

TDA would like to announce new vacant positions. Click to browse employment opportunities.

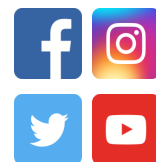
WBSCM - Attention All RAs

Be on the lookout for the August 2023 Optional Web-based Supply Chain Management Pre-Training Webinars for RA users. CEs should have received an email with links to the 12 training sessions available through August 31.



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