

Lunch Line

A Newsletter of the Food Distribution Program

Department of Administrative Services

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Mark Your Calendars! September 24, 2009 is the School Nutrition Program: Recipe for Success Conference and SNACT Industry & Commodity Processing Food Show. The Department of Education, the Department of Administrative Services, the Department of Agriculture and the School Nutrition Association of Connecticut have teamed up to present the educational conference along with the SNACT Industry and Commodity Processing Show! [Food Show](#) [Agenda](#)

The food show is your only chance to see commodity end-products for the school year. The registration deadline is September 14, 2009.

Carryover Balances at the Processor: On November 30, 2009, carry over balances at the processors will be transferred from the schools' accounts to the state's name and the commodity will be made available to all schools. We will work very closely with schools to ensure only carryover balances are transferred out. Schools should reference USDA policy (FD-040, January 12, 2005: Commodity Inventory Reduction at Further Processors: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/PolicyMemo/pmfd040_SP-FurtherProcessorsInventory.pdf) for inventory draw down in relation to the different value pass-through methods. Please keep in mind when reviewing inventory balances there may be a delay in inventory drawdown at the processor end.

SY 08/09 Meal Rate: The meal rate for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, is .1950 cents.

Sysco delivery pricing remain same for

SY09/10: Per the contract award with Sysco, beginning July 1, 2009, the price for delivery is \$3.20 and pickup price is \$2.20. Storage charges will remain the same. Per the state contract, schools will pay invoices to the state-contracted warehouse on a net 45 days basis after receipt of invoice. To read the contract, please go to http://www.das.state.ct.us/Contracts/004_0033.pdf

Say it ain't so, ECOS is going away?!

WBSCM is the new web-based supply-chain management system USDA plans to rollout to states and recipient agencies by February 2010. It will replace the Electronic Commodity Ordering System (ECOS). Still in the design phase, the new paperless system is bound to be a dramatic change. What does this mean for us here in Connecticut? Well, it means that our office and the schools will be learning the new system together. We will keep you posted on the progress of this project. If you are interested in learning more about the new WBSCM application, here's a link to the USDA website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/WBSCM/default.htm>

From USDA: The NSLP Commodity Fact Sheets with commodity codes are available on the FD website at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/schfacts/>

Consult Your Manual: The Food Distribution Program (FDP) manual is online. Along with our Business Rules, the manual covers: Eligibility, Allocation and Ordering, Labeling, Accountability and Delivery, Transfer of Commodities, and Food Processing. To access the manual, go to <http://www.das.state.ct.us/FedFood/Databases/FDPManual.pdf>

Department of Defense (DOD) Program: The DOD Program has hit an all time high in participation and commodity dollars. For SY 09/10, \$1.6 million and 50 districts are participating. A Rhode Island company, A.T. Siravo is the vendor on contract with the DOD servicing the entire Northeast. Schools participating in the program have received their access info for the FFAVORS system and have the new delivery schedule. We are looking forward to another good year with great service and produce from A.T. Siravo.

Food Communications Emails: Please read Food Communication emails for any changes or additional survey and commodity offerings throughout the school year.