



## Summer Food Service Program



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### USDA Policy Memos, Information & Implementation Memos:

1. [USDA Policy Memo SFSP 09-2012](#): Eligibility Based on Census Data: 2012 Data Release
2. [USDA Policy Memo SFSP 08-2012](#): Guidance on Income Eligibility Determinations and Duration
3. USDA Policy Memo TA 05-2011 Revised 06222011: Shelf-stable, Dried Snacks Made from Meat, Poultry or Seafood (*attached*)

To view previous USDA policy memos, visit:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/summer/Administration/policy.html>.

### Additional Topics

- 2012 SFSP Training Follow-Up: Question & Answers (*attached*)
- Cooks Training & ServSafe Certification Training Registration (*attached*)
- Local Products for Food Service
- USDA SFSP Kickoff Week June 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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Program changes as a result of USDA Policy Memos are to be implemented immediately. Please file this bulletin for reference, guidance and compliance with the Summer Food Service Program. Feel free to call the Child Nutrition Services office if you need further clarification.

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### USDA Policy Memo

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1. **USDA Policy Memo SFSP 09-2012: Eligibility Based on Census Data: 2012 Data Release** This policy memo provides guidance regarding using census data for determining area eligibility for SFSP sites. American Community Survey (ACS) will release new estimates of household income annually. Therefore SFSP sites must use the most current census data available. Census Block Groups (CBG) where 50% or more of the children are eligible for free or reduced price school meals will be used to assess eligibility. SFSP sites can be eligible if they are located in a CBG that qualifies under either CACFP or SFSP.
2. **USDA Policy Memo SFSP 08-2012: Guidance on Income Eligibility Determinations and Duration** This policy memo clarifies that the Income Eligibility Forms (Household Applications) are valid 12 months regardless of any change in household income. Households are not required to report income changes after they have been categorized as free or reduced price school meals, even if their income increases by any amount, or their family size decreases.

## Additional Topics

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- **2012 SFSP Training Follow-Up: Question & Answers (*attached*)**

Please review the question and answer sheet for clarification on any items that were addressed by sponsors during any of the three trainings offered.

- **Cooks Training & ServSafe Certification**

Alaska Child Nutrition Programs will be offering Cooks Trainings and Certified Food Protection Manager's trainings and in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Sitka. SFSP sponsors may choose to attend either the NSLP Cooks Training or the CACFP Cooks Training.

If you are interested in sending any of your food service staff to these trainings please submit the attached registration form to **Ali Watson at (907) 465-8910**.

- **Local Products for Food Service**

During the Alaska School Nutrition Association Conference there were several presenters from different sectors of Alaska agriculture and there has been a big interest in how to obtain these products in various parts of Alaska. For Alaska grown produce, all distributors have the ability to obtain Alaska grown products upon request – most of the large distributors such as DiTomasos, Food Services of America, and Charlie's Produce all have access to locally grown produce.

Johanna Herron, with the Farm-to-School Program, is trying to assess the interest in Southeast Alaska for Alaska grown carrots for next school year. If you have an interest in working through a cooperative of sorts for next year, please contact Johanna at [Johanna.herron@Alaska.gov](mailto:Johanna.herron@Alaska.gov) with a estimate on how many pounds your agency would use weekly.

Also in Juneau, Cooperative Extension is looking into bringing down barley flour from the Alaska Flour Company. The cost is \$1.00 per pound plus \$.035 per pound shipping. If you are interested in this product, please contact Darren Snyder at [dgsnyder@alaska.edu](mailto:dgsnyder@alaska.edu).

- **USDA SFSP Kickoff Week June 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

USDA is asking all SFSP sponsors throughout the U.S. to join them in starting off the Summer Food Service Program with a Summer Kickoff Event during the week of June 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Food Bank of Alaska is planning to have a SFSP Kickoff Event around the same time.

If you would like to collaborate with Food Bank of Alaska, contact **Kylie Clark at [kclark@foodbankofalaska.org](mailto:kclark@foodbankofalaska.org) or (907) 222-3107**.

### **Calendar of Upcoming Events & Deadlines**

<b>April 15, 2012</b>	<b>Applications Due for Sponsors Requesting Advance Payments</b>
<b>May 7-11, 2012</b>	<b>Cooks Training &amp; ServSafe Certification: Anchorage</b>
<b>May 14-18, 2012</b>	<b>Cooks Training &amp; ServSafe Certification: Fairbanks</b>
<b>May 21-25, 2012</b>	<b>Cooks Training &amp; ServSafe Certification: Sitka</b>
<b>June 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2012</b>	<b>SFSP Kickoff Week</b>

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