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August 2024 Monthly Newsletter

Make Your Farm Fresh Challenge Pledge Today!

October is coming fast and the time to pledge to join TDA for the Farm Fresh Challenge is now. All National School Lunch Program and Child and Adult Care Food Program operators are encouraged to serve local foods, teach about local agriculture, and share their efforts on social media. We have new resources to help you achieve whichever tier you decide to strive for this year. Find the Success Guide, Word Games, new flashcards, and a tracking tool on [Resources tab on SquareMeals](#).

The pledge form will be open until October 30, but remember to pledge by September 13 to receive promotional materials like "We Serve Local" buttons for staff, "Locally Grown" clings for your serving line, or "I Tried Local" stickers for your students. Let's make 2024 the most successful Farm Fresh Challenge year ever! [Pledge now!](#)

TANS Update

The F&N team is making good progress on determining what system changes are needed in the Texas Automated Nutrition System (TANS) to support Texas' nutrition programs. Learn more about the journey [here!](#)

PY 2024-2025 CACFP Reimbursement Rates Published

The 2024-2025 reimbursement rates for the Child and Adult Care Food Program have been posted on the [CACFP Reimbursement Rates page](#). Note that the cash-in-lieu value of USDA Foods (commodities) for July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 is \$0.30.

RELEASE: 2024-2025 WIC Information Flyer - English and Spanish

A new 2024-2025 WIC Information Flyer - English and Spanish has been published on the [CACFP Administration/Forms page](#).

Free Vegetable and Fruit Snack Menu Ideas

The Association of State Public Health Nutritionists (ASPHN) created Vegetable and Fruit Snack menus to make it easier to plan and provide healthy snack options for children! Explore over a dozen culturally diverse snack menu options [here](#).

Important Renewal Application Deadlines

PY25 Renewal season has begun. Important due date to remember: August 15, 2024 if Tier 3 Renewal and/or if you are a Dual Sponsor; August 30, 2024 for Sponsoring organizations, a Tier 2 Renewal, and/or making significant changes to previously approved application packet; September 1, 2024 if you are an independent center and/or Tier 1 renewal. Please review more information on the Renewing CEs page on Squaremeals [here](#).

SY 2024-2025 Special Provisions Carryover Reports

An updated version of the SY 2024-2025 special provisions carryover reports are available [here](#).

Reminder: Government Issued

Identification Requirement

Per Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), Child and Adult Care Program Handbooks, Sections 2430 or 2530, organizations must submit a form of government issued identification for EACH principal of the organization. Beginning Program Year 2024-2025 (PY25), as part of the annual renewal application review, TDA will conduct an audit to determine if all principals listed in the application have a government issued ID on file.

Please review more information on Squaremeals.org on the Renewing CEs page under Documentation Submittal Guidance located [here](#).



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