

North Carolina School Nutrition Weekly Update

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October Nutrition Analysis Reports

October nutrition analysis reports are due by December 15, 2014 to your regional Nutrition Specialist.

NOTE to Regions 5 and 6 only for October 2014 analysis reports: SFA's should send these reports to their regional School Nutrition Operations and Management Consultant. Charter schools should send these reports to their regional School Nutrition Charter School Consultant.

Remember, there are new procedures for the twice yearly analysis reports (for the 2014-15 School Year) which were reviewed at the September Policy Update. We no longer require a menu analysis of all four weeks of menus during the months of March and October.

Instructions

[CLICK HERE](#) to review/print the instructions for the Twice Yearly Nutrient Analysis, which were issued at the Policy Update.

Please submit analyses of one week of planned menus during the month of October for each meal pattern grade group used in the SFA for both breakfast and lunch. In addition, submit the Meal Component and Quantity Worksheets (MCQW) for the same week for each meal pattern grade group. If your software

provides an approved version of the six cent certification document, this can be submitted in lieu of the MCQW's. You are encouraged to begin to use the software documents if you haven't already started.

Meal Component and Quantities Worksheets

The newly revised Meal Component and Quantities Worksheets are now posted to the School Nutrition website on the Menu Planning and Production page at:

<http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/information-resources/menu-planning-production/menu-planning-production/meal-component-and-quantity-worksheets>

If you have any questions, please contact your regional Nutrition Specialist.

Coming Soon...Equipment Assistance Grants

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction has received federal funds for school nutrition equipment assistance grants to be awarded based on competitive proposals from eligible SFAs. Additional information regarding the application process will be provided in January 2015. In the meantime, please begin to think about your equipment needs. If you have any questions, please contact Jacquelyn McGowan – 919.807.3595; jacquelyn.mcgowan@dpi.nc.gov

Continuing Education Opportunity – Procuring Local Produce

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, School Nutrition Services Section in cooperation with North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will offer several workshops for School Nutrition Administrators to learn more about procuring local produce. The goals of the workshop include providing instruction to School Food Authorities (SFAs) regarding United States Department of Agriculture procurement guidelines and sharing best practices and resources regarding local food procurement. Anticipated outcomes include use of correct procedures by SFAs to procure local food, increased local food procurement by SFAs, and collection of Farm to School procurement success stories. At the conclusion of the workshop, participants will be able to:

1. Identify procurement methods used for local produce.
2. Differentiate between informal and formal methods of procurement and when each should be utilized.
3. Demonstrate how to talk with farmers and how to identify sources of Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) certified produce.
4. Write specifications for produce.
5. Understand geographic preference and how it can be used.

Workshops are planned for the following dates and locations:

Jan 20	Four Points Sheraton (Asheville, NC)
Jan 22	Courtyard by Marriott (Hickory, NC)
Feb 9	Hampton Inn (Edenton, NC)
Feb 11	New Bern Riverfront Convention Center (New Bern, NC)
Feb 16	NCSU McKimmon Center (Raleigh, NC)
Feb 17	Little River Golf & Resort (Carthage, NC)
Feb 24	Deep River Event Center (Greensboro, NC)
Feb 25	Hilton Garden Inn (Concord, NC)

Registration information will be forthcoming from North Carolina State University McKimmon Center.

December Farm-to-School Newsletter

Please find the link to the December NC Farm to School newsletter below. This month includes information about greens, NC Farm to School resources and the Sweet Potato Month contest NCD&CS is sponsoring along with the NC Sweet Potato Commission.

Speaking of Sweet Potato month, February will be here soon so now is a great time to start planning how your school, cafeteria and classroom will be celebrating our state vegetable. Find the entry form, informational flyer and a list of suggested activities at www.ncfarmtoschool.com/htm/promotions/index.htm.

For questions about the newsletter or the NC Farm to School Program, please contact:

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Vacancy Announcement – Charlotte/Mecklenburg Wellness and Marketing Specialist

SFA: **Charlotte/Mecklenburg Schools (CMS)**

Position: **Wellness and Marketing Specialist**

CMS Vacancy Announcement

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS)—the 18th largest school system in the nation—is looking for a game changer and innovator to fill the position of Area Supervisor for our Child Nutrition Department! Child Nutrition provides healthy meals to more than 145,000 students and staff members in 160 schools each day. Each day 32,000 breakfasts and 82,000 lunches are served to children. This totals more than 20 million meals in a year. In addition, snacks are prepared for all After School Enrichment Programs. Catering for school-related functions and special events is also provided.

The Wellness and Marketing Specialist will provide leadership to develop nutrition and wellness initiatives for the school district, healthy menus that comply with USDA regulations, and a marketing plan for the department.

Minimum Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree in nutrition and/or dietetics
- Five (5) years of experience in a related field
- Registered Dietitian licensed in North Carolina

The salary range for this position is \$54,121.60-\$65,436.80

To view the full job description and apply for the position, go to

https://ats4.searchsoft.net/ats/job_board_frame?softsort=NAME&APPLICANT_TYPE_ID=00000002&COMPANY_ID=00014342. Fill out the online non-instructional application and apply directly to the Specialist, Wellness and Marketing position. From there, you'll be on your way to possibly becoming the next innovative Child Nutrition team member!

What's New on the Web?

SummerPalooza Workshop Presentations

<http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/programs/summer-nutrition-opportunities/summer-food-service-program-sfsp>

Important Dates

<http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/front-page/news-events/important-dates>

Meal Components and Quantities Worksheets

<http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/information-resources/menu-planning-production/menu-planning-production/meal-component-and-quantity-worksheets>

Twice Yearly Nutrient Analysis Instructions

<http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/front-page/information-resources/menu-planning-production>

Important Dates

December 24, 25 & 26Christmas Holidays (State offices closed)

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January 1, 2015 New Year's Day (State offices closed)

January 10 (Saturday) Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for December 2014)

January 15 (Thursday)..... Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for December 2014)

January 19 Martin Luther King Birthday (State offices closed)

January 20 Deadline for completing the Verification Report in the SN Technology System

February 2015 National Sweet Potato Month

February 1Deadline for On-Site Reviews (Traditional Public School SFAs)

February 10Deadline for Submitting Claim for Reimbursement (for January 2015)

February 15Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Claim for Reimbursement Deadline (for January 2015)

February 152015 NC Child Hunger Leaders Conference

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