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**SUBJECT:** Twentieth Release of the Child Nutrition (CN) Database

**TO:** Regional Directors  
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The twentieth release of the Child Nutrition Database (CN20) was made available on the Healthy Meals Resource System Web site on April 5, 2016. This new release is available to companies who develop software approved by the Department of Agriculture (USDA) for nutrient analyses required in the school meal programs.

CN20 contains 1,016 new items from the USDA National Nutrient Database for Standard Reference 28 (SR 28) and 443 new items from eight food companies. All SR 28 updates have been applied to the included SR items. All products marked as discontinued in CN19 have been removed from CN20.

Companies with USDA-approved nutrient analysis software are required to incorporate CN20 into their software by July 5, 2016. However, these companies are expected to distribute an updated version of their software to their current users by the start of the next school year (July 1, 2016).

The latest release of the CN Database (CN20) is available to download from the Healthy Meals Resource System website at: <http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/cndatabase.html>.

Please contact the Software Evaluation Team at [cnpntab@fns.usda.gov](mailto:cnpntab@fns.usda.gov), if you have any questions or if you determine that a software company is not updating their software to include CN20.

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