



Summer Meals Newsletter

Upcoming USDA/Partner Webinars:

[Wrapping Up Summer Meals](#)

Thursday, July 19, 2018

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST

Food Research & Action Center

USDA/Partner Resources:

[Summer Meals Series](#)

This webinar series focuses on best practices for summer programs, including activities for kids and participation strategies.

Share our Strength, No Kid Hungry

[2018 County Health Ranking Key Findings Report](#)

A recent report from County Health Rankings shows that meaningful gaps persist in health outcomes between counties across the United States. County Health Rankings and Roadmap

[Transportation Challenges Affect Low-Income Households](#)

A recent study from the Economic Research Service identifies the gaps in food service for people in food deserts and without access to a car.

USDA, Economic Research Service





Heads Up!

Congratulations to [Turnip the Beet](#) awardees, your certificate has been mailed and you should be receiving it soon! The certificates were mailed directly to the address on your application. Contact your state agency if you do not receive your certificate in the coming weeks.



Congratulations to 2018 Farm to School Grantees!

USDA awarded \$5.2 million in grants to support local foods in Child Nutrition Programs in 43 States, D.C., and Guam, with over \$380,000 going directly to summer programs. These efforts will impact over 6,000 schools and 2.8 million students nationwide. For a complete list of 2018 recipients, please see the [FY 2018 Farm to School List of Awardees](#).

Summer Meals Outreach Strategies

- Use the Summer Meals Site Finder to help families find sites in their local area. <https://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks>
- Download and customize flyers, bookmarks, postcards, and more, in both English and Spanish, to let families know about the availability of Summer Meals and how to find meal locations near them. <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/raise-awareness>
- Share USDA's free public service announcements (PSA) with your local radio and television stations. PSAs provide free advertising for sites. <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/raise-awareness>