

School breakfast program		Non-severe need	Severe need
Reduced price .....		1.64	2.02
Free .....		1.94	2.32

  

Special milk Program	All milk	Paid milk	Free milk
Pricing programs without free option .....	0.20	N/A	N/A.
Pricing programs with free option .....	N/A	0.20	Average Cost Per ½ Pint of Milk.
Nonpricing programs .....	0.20	N/A	N/A.

**Afterschool Snacks Served in Afterschool Care Programs**

CONTIGUOUS STATES:		
Paid .....		0.07
Reduced price .....		0.42
Free .....		0.84
ALASKA:		
Paid .....		0.12
Reduced price .....		0.68
Free .....		1.37
HAWAII:		
Paid .....		0.09
Reduced price .....		0.49
Free .....		0.99

<sup>1</sup> Payment listed for Free and Reduced Price Lunches include both section 4 and section 11 funds.

<sup>2</sup> Performance-based cash reimbursement (adjusted annually for inflation).

This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), no new recordkeeping or reporting requirements have been included that are subject to approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

This notice has been determined to be not significant and was reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget in conformance with Executive Order 12866.

National School Lunch, School Breakfast and Special Milk Programs are listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.555, No. 10.553 and No. 10.556, respectively, and are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 2 CFR 415.3–415.6).

**Authority:** Sections 4, 8, 11 and 17A of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 1753, 1757, 1759a, 1766a) and sections 3 and 4(b) of the Child Nutrition Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 1772 and 42 U.S.C. 1773(b)).

Dated: July 12, 2015.

**Audrey Rowe,**

*Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Food and Nutrition Service**

**Food Distribution Program: Value of Donated Foods From July 1, 2015 Through June 30, 2016**

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the national average value of donated foods or, where applicable, cash in lieu of donated foods, to be provided in school year 2016 (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016) for each lunch served by schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), and for each lunch and supper served by institutions participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

**DATES:** Effective date: July 1, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carolyn Smalkowski, Program Analyst, Policy Branch, Food Distribution Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302–1594; or telephone (703) 305–2680.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These programs are listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under Nos. 10.555 and 10.558 and are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 7 CFR part 3015, subpart

V, and final rule related notice published at 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983.)

This notice imposes no new reporting or recordkeeping provisions that are subject to Office of Management and Budget review in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507). This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act. This notice was reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

**National Average Minimum Value of Donated Foods for the Period July 1, 2015 Through June 30, 2016**

This notice implements mandatory provisions of sections 6(c) and 17(h)(1)(B) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (the Act) (42 U.S.C. 1755(c) and 1766(h)(1)(B)). Section 6(c)(1)(A) of the Act establishes the national average value of donated food assistance to be given to States for each lunch served in the NSLP at 11.00 cents per meal. Pursuant to section 6(c)(1)(B), this amount is subject to annual adjustments on July 1 of each year to reflect changes in a three-month average value of the Producer Price Index for Foods Used in Schools and Institutions for March, April, and May each year (Price Index). Section 17(h)(1)(B) of the Act provides that the same value of donated foods (or cash in lieu of donated foods) for school lunches shall also be established for

lunches and suppers served in the CACFP. Notice is hereby given that the national average minimum value of donated foods, or cash in lieu thereof, per lunch under the NSLP (7 CFR part 210) and per lunch and supper under the CACFP (7 CFR part 226) shall be 23.75 cents for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

The Price Index is computed using five major food components in the Bureau of Labor Statistics Producer Price Index (cereal and bakery products; meats, poultry and fish; dairy; processed fruits and vegetables; and fats and oils). Each component is weighted using the relative weight as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The value of food assistance is adjusted each July 1 by the annual percentage change in a three-month average value of the Price Index for March, April, and May each year. The three-month average of the Price Index decreased by 3.75 percent from 217.35 for March, April, and May of 2014, as previously published in the **Federal Register**, to 209.20 for the same three months in 2015. When computed on the basis of unrounded data and rounded to the nearest one-quarter cent, the resulting national average for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 will be 23.75 cents per meal. This is a decrease of one cent from the school year 2015 (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015) rate.

**Authority:** Sections 6(c)(1)(A) and (B), 6(e)(1), and 17(h)(1)(B) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1755(c)(1)(A) and (B) and (e)(1), and 1766(h)(1)(B)).

Dated: July 12, 2015.

**Audrey Rowe,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food and Nutrition Service

#### **Child and Adult Care Food Program: National Average Payment Rates, Day Care Home Food Service Payment Rates, and Administrative Reimbursement Rates for Sponsoring Organizations of Day Care Homes for the Period, July 1, 2015 Through June 30, 2016**

**AGENCY:** Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the annual adjustments to the national average payment rates for meals and snacks served in child care centers,

outside-school-hours care centers, at-risk afterschool care centers, and adult day care centers; the food service payment rates for meals and snacks served in day care homes; and the administrative reimbursement rates for sponsoring organizations of day care homes, to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. Further adjustments are made to these rates to reflect the higher costs of providing meals in the States of Alaska and Hawaii. The adjustments contained in this notice are made on an annual basis each July, as required by the laws and regulations governing the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

**DATES:** These rates are effective from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Hortin, Branch Chief, Program Monitoring and Operational Support Division, Child Nutrition Programs, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 640, Alexandria, Virginia 22302-1594; phone 703-305-4375.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Definitions**

The terms used in this notice have the meanings ascribed to them in the Child and Adult Care Food Program regulations, 7 CFR part 226.

##### **Background**

Pursuant to sections 4, 11, and 17 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1753, 1759a and 1766), section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773) and 7 CFR 226.4, 226.12 and 226.13 of the Program regulations, notice is hereby given of the new payment rates for institutions participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). These rates are in effect during the period, July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

As provided for under the law, all rates in the CACFP must be revised annually, on July 1, to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, for the most recent 12-month period. In accordance with this mandate, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) last published the adjusted national average payment rates for centers, the food service payment rates for day care homes, and the administrative reimbursement rates for sponsoring organizations of day care homes, for the period from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, on July 16, 2014, in the **Federal Register** at 79 FR 41531.

##### **Adjusted Payments**

The following national average payment factors and food service payment rates for meals and snacks are in effect from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. All amounts are expressed in dollars or fractions thereof. Due to a higher cost of living, the reimbursements for Alaska and Hawaii are higher than those for all other States. The District of Columbia, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Guam use the figures specified for the contiguous States. These rates do not include the value of USDA Foods or cash-in-lieu of USDA Foods which institutions receive as additional assistance for each lunch or supper served to participants under the Program. A notice announcing the value of USDA Foods and cash-in-lieu of USDA Foods is published separately in the **Federal Register**.

##### **National Average Payment Rates for Centers**

Payments for breakfasts served are: *Contiguous States*—paid rate—29 cents (1 cent increase from 2014–2015 annual level), reduced price rate—136 cents (4 cents increase), free rate—166 cents (4 cents increase); *Alaska*—paid rate—43 cents (1 cent increase), reduced price rate—236 cents (7 cents increase), free rate—266 cents (7 cents increase); *Hawaii*—paid rate—33 cents (1 cent increase), reduced price rate—164 cents (6 cents increase), free rate—194 cents (6 cents increase).

Payments for lunch or supper served are: *Contiguous States*—paid rate—29 cents (1 cent increase from 2014–2015 annual level), reduced price rate—267 cents (9 cents increase), free rate—307 cents (9 cents increase); *Alaska*—paid rate—48 cents (2 cents increase), reduced price rate—459 cents (15 cents increase), free rate—499 cents (15 cents increase); *Hawaii*—paid rate—34 cents (1 cent increase), reduced price rate—320 cents (11 cents increase), free rate—360 cents (11 cents increase).

Payments for snack served are: *Contiguous States*—paid rate—7 cents (no change from 2014–2015 annual level), reduced price rate—42 cents (1 cent increase), free rate—84 cents (2 cents increase); *Alaska*—paid rate—12 cents (no change), reduced price rate—68 cents (2 cents increase), free rate—137 cents (4 cents increase); *Hawaii*—paid rate—9 cents (1 cent increase), reduced price rate—49 cents (1 cent increase), free rate—99 cents (3 cents increase).

##### **Food Service Payment Rates for Day Care Homes**

Payments for breakfast served are: *Contiguous States*—tier I—132 cents (1