

other technical details. The APL is unique to each State agency. There is no Federal or national APL.

WIC State agencies update their APLs on a regular basis. Consistent with 7 CFR 246.12 and per WIC EBT operating rules, WIC-authorized vendors are required to retrieve a State agency's APL and apply it to their cash register systems at least every 48 hours, but most do so on a nightly basis.

WIC State agencies send a copy of their individual APLs to the NUPC database. After passing a screening and once additional nutritional product information is gathered, the individual products on the State agency's APL are added to the NUPC database. A State agency's raw APL file is not available for download via the NUPC database.

The NUPC database currently includes but is not limited to the following information by food item from WIC EBT State agencies, as applicable: UPC or Price Lookup Code (PLU), the latter for fresh fruits and vegetables; product category (*e.g.*, Bread/Whole Grains) and subcategory (*e.g.*, 100% Whole Wheat); nutrition information and ingredients; package images including product labels; the manufacturer name; manufacturer data sheets when needed; and the State agency authorizing the product. An optional free form comments field is available to State agencies. For fresh fruits and vegetables, a State agency may submit PLUs or UPCs. Appendix A lists current NUPC database elements.

WIC State agencies may optionally choose to submit pricing data into the NUPC database, but this data is for individual State agency use only. Most State agencies do not enter pricing data, due to the significant effort required to enter and maintain it given pricing fluctuations, coupled with the limited benefit of use. Most prices are sensitive to local market conditions.

A WIC State agency can use the NUPC database to obtain product information helpful in developing or modifying its APL. The NUPC database reduces the need to separately gather this same information from manufacturers, food retailers, food distributors or industry food databases.

NUPC does *not*: (1) Represent a complete/combined listing of all State-specific APLs, but rather contains individual APL-related data submitted by WIC EBT States (and supplemented with other nutrition-related information); (2) set forth a Federal or national WIC APL; or (3) include up-to-date pricing information.

The original intent of the NUPC database was to support statewide implementation of EBT. As more WIC

State agencies achieve statewide EBT, FNS seeks input regarding the use of the NUPC database by the program community and different options for operating, maintaining, and/or enhancing the database. FNS poses the questions below to prompt stakeholder responses.

USDA FNS is seeking information from stakeholders on the following questions:

1. For WIC State agency input only, is the current NUPC database useful in its current form in creating and managing APLs and implementing EBT? Please explain.

2. Within HHFKA statutory requirements, should USDA FNS re-envision its approach to the NUPC database to the benefit of program stakeholders? Please explain.

3. Given currently available NUPC database information, what are the advantages and disadvantages of providing NUPC database access to, or sharing WIC State agency NUPC-related information with, other entities such as food manufacturers and/or WIC authorized vendors?

4. Although current statute requires USDA to operate a NUPC database for use by WIC EBT States, do WIC State agencies prefer to create and manage their APLs without the use of the Federal NUPC database? Please explain.

FNS appreciates your thoughtful and responsive replies to all questions. Your feedback is essential to help FNS ensure administration of the WIC Program is effective and efficient as possible. Together, we can strive to improve operations and outcomes to best serve participants, stakeholders, and American taxpayers.

Dated: January 10, 2020.

Pamelyn Miller,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

Appendix A: Current NUPC Database Elements

1. National UPC Database Core Fields

The Core Fields contain information that is set on the National level and cannot be edited at the WIC State Agency level. Only FNS staff or the FNS contractor may edit these fields.

National Core Fields

UPC/PLU Number
Manufacturer Code
Manufacturer Name
[Food] Category
[Food] Subcategory
Default Filtered
Comments

2. WIC State Agency Fields, including Editable Fields

These fields are generally specific to each WIC State Agency and can only be edited by

that State agency. Some of these fields (Product Size through Benefit Unit Description Type) may be adopted from a national entry or an entry by another State agency and then edited to reflect current State-specific authorized foods. These fields generally do not have any national attributes—they are specific to each State agency. The only State agency field that cannot be edited by the WIC State agency is the Product Unit of Measure (UOM). Most fields, *e.g.*, price, are optional.

WIC State Agency Fields

Product Size
Product UOM *
Product Name
Benefit Unit Description Type
Short Product Name
Benefit Unit Description
Container Size
Container Type
Price
Price Type
Broadband Flag
Agency Effective Date
Agency End Date
Package Size
Rebate Flag
Manual Voucher Indicator
Filter for State Agency Search
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Summer Food Service Program 2020 Reimbursement Rates

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the annual adjustments to the reimbursement rates for meals served in the Summer Food Service Program for Children. These adjustments address changes in the Consumer Price Index, as required under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. The 2020 reimbursement rates are presented as a combined set of rates to highlight simplified cost accounting procedures. The 2020 rates are also presented individually, as separate operating and administrative rates of reimbursement, to show the effect of the Consumer Price Index adjustment on each rate.

DATES: *Implementation date:* January 1, 2020.

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* Cannot be edited by State agency.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.559 and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 2 CFR, 415 and final rule-related notice published at 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983.)

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, no new recordkeeping or reporting requirements have been included that are subject to approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

This notice 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. Additionally, this notice has been determined to be exempt from formal review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Definitions

The terms used in this notice have the meaning ascribed to them under 7 CFR part 225 of the SFSP regulations.

Background

This notice informs the public of the annual adjustments to the reimbursement rates for meals served in SFSP. In accordance with sections 12(f) and 13, 42 U.S.C. 1760(f) and 1761, of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA) and SFSP regulations under 7 CFR part 225, the United States Department of Agriculture announces the adjustments in SFSP payments for meals served to participating children during calendar year 2020.

The 2020 reimbursement rates are presented as a combined set of rates to

highlight simplified cost accounting procedures. Reimbursement is based solely on a “meals times rates” calculation, without comparison to actual or budgeted costs.

Sponsors receive reimbursement that is determined by the number of reimbursable meals served, multiplied by the combined rates for food service operations and administration. However, the combined rate is based on separate operating and administrative rates of reimbursement, each of which is adjusted differently for inflation.

Calculation of Rates

The combined rates are constructed from individually authorized operating and administrative reimbursements. Simplified procedures provide flexibility, enabling sponsors to manage their reimbursements to pay for any allowable cost, regardless of the cost category. Sponsors remain responsible, however, for ensuring proper administration of the Program, while providing the best possible nutrition benefit to children.

The operating and administrative rates are calculated separately. However, the calculations of adjustments for both cost categories are based on the same set of changes in the *Food Away From Home* series of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. They represent a 3.2 percent increase in this series for the 12-month period, from November 2018 through November 2019 (from 278.306 in November 2017 to 287.255 in November 2019).

Table of 2020 Reimbursement Rates

Presentation of the 2020 maximum per meal rates for meals served to children in SFSP combines the results

from the calculations of operational and administrative payments, which are further explained in this notice. The total amount of payments to State agencies for disbursement to SFSP sponsors will be based upon these adjusted combined rates and the number of meals of each type served. These adjusted rates will be in effect from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

These changes are reflected below.

All States except Alaska and Hawaii—Rural or Self-prep Sites—Breakfast—2 dollars and 37.50 cents (7.75 cent increase from the 2019 reimbursement rate), Lunch or Supper—4 dollars and 15.25 cents (12 cent increase), Snack—97.75 cents (2.5 cent increase); All Other Types of Sites—Breakfast—2 dollars and 33 cents (7.5 cent increase), Lunch or Supper—4 dollars and 8.75 cents (12 cent increase), Snack—95.5 cents (2.25 cent increase).

Alaska—Rural or Self-prep Sites—Breakfast—3 dollars and 84.75 cents (12.25 cent increase), Lunch or Supper—6 dollars and 73.75 cents (21 cent increase), Snack—1 dollar and 59.25 cents (4.5 cent increase); All Other Types of Sites—Breakfast—3 dollars and 77.5 cents (12 cent increase), Lunch or Supper—6 dollars and 63 cents (20.75 cent increase), Snack—1 dollar and 55.75 cents (4.5 cent increase).

Hawaii—Rural or Self-prep Sites—Breakfast—2 dollars and 77 cents (8.75 cent increase), Lunch or Supper—4 dollars and 86 cents (14.5 cent increase), Snack—1 dollar and 14.5 cents (3.25 cent increase); All Other Types of Sites—Breakfast—2 dollars and 71.75 cents (8.5 cent increase), Lunch or Supper—4 dollars and 78.25 cents (14.25 cent increase), Snack—1 dollar and 12 cents (3.5 cent increase).

2020 Reimbursement Rates (Combined)

Per Meal Rates in whole or fractions of U.S. dollars	All States except Alaska and Hawaii	All States except Alaska and Hawaii	Alaska	Alaska	Hawaii	Hawaii
Site Types	Rural or Self-prep Sites	All Other Types of Sites	Rural or Self-prep Sites	All Other Types of Sites	Rural or Self-prep Sites	All Other Types of Sites
Breakfast	2.3750	2.3300	3.8475	3.7750	2.7700	2.7175
Lunch or Supper	4.1525	4.0875	6.7375	6.6300	4.8600	4.7825
Snack	0.9775	0.9550	1.5925	1.5575	1.1450	1.1200

Operating Rates

The portion of the SFSP rates for operating costs is based on payment amounts set in section 13(b)(1) of the NSLA, 42 U.S.C. 1761(b)(1). They are rounded down to the nearest whole cent, as required by section 11(a)(3)(B)(iii) of the NSLA, 42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(3)(B)(iii).

These changes are reflected below.

All States except Alaska and Hawaii—Breakfast—2 dollars and 16 cents (7 cents increase from the 2019 reimbursement rate), Lunch or Supper—3 dollars and 76 cents (11 cents increase), Snack—87 cents (2 cents increase).

Alaska—Breakfast—3 dollars and 50 cents (11 cents increase), Lunch or

Supper—6 dollars and 10 cents (19 cents increase), Snack—1 dollar and 42 cents (4 cents increase).

Hawaii—Breakfast—2 dollars and 52 cents (8 cents increase), Lunch or Supper—4 dollars and 40 cents (13 cents increase), Snack—1 dollar and 2 cents (3 cents increase).

Operating Component of 2020 Reimbursement Rates

Operating Rates in U.S. dollars, rounded down to the nearest whole cent	All States except Alaska and Hawaii	Alaska	Hawaii
Breakfast	2.16	3.50	2.52
Lunch or Supper	3.76	6.10	4.40
Snack	0.87	1.42	1.02

Administrative Rates

The administrative cost component of the reimbursement is authorized under section 13(b)(3) of the NSLA, 42 U.S.C. 1761(b)(3). Rates are higher for sponsors of sites located in rural areas and for “self-prep” sponsors that prepare their own meals at the SFSP site or at a central facility instead of purchasing them from vendors. The administrative portion of SFSP rates are adjusted, either up or down, to the nearest quarter-cent.

These changes are reflected below.

All States except Alaska and Hawaii—Rural or Self-prep Sites—Breakfast—21.50 cents (0.75 cent increase from the 2019 reimbursement rate), Lunch or Supper—39.25 cents (1 cent increase), Snack—10.75 cents (0.5 cent increase); All Other Types of Sites—Breakfast—17 cents (0.5 cent increase), Lunch or Supper—32.75 cents (1 cent increase), Snack 8.5 cents (0.25 cent increase).

Alaska—Rural or Self-prep Sites—Breakfast—34.75 cents (1.25 cent increase), Lunch or Supper—63.75 cents (2 cent increase), Snack—17.25 cents

(0.5 cent increase); All Other Types of Sites—Breakfast—27.50 cents (1 cent increase), Lunch or Supper—53 cents (1.75 cent increase), Snack—13.75 cents (0.5 cent increase).

Hawaii—Rural or Self-prep Sites—Breakfast—25 cents (0.75 cent increase), Lunch or Supper—46 cents (1.5 cent increase), Snack—12.50 cents (0.25 cent increase); All Other Types of Sites—Breakfast—19.75 cents (0.5 cent increase), Lunch or Supper—38.25 cents (1.25 cent increase), Snack—10 cents (0.5 cent increase).

Administrative Component of 2020 Reimbursement Rates

Administrative Rates in U.S. dollars, adjusted, up or down, to the nearest quarter-cent	All States except Alaska and Hawaii	All States except Alaska and Hawaii	Alaska	Alaska	Hawaii	Hawaii
Site Types	Rural or Self-prep Sites	All Other Types of Sites	Rural or Self-prep Sites	All Other Types of Sites	Rural or Self-prep Sites	All Other Types of Sites
Breakfast	0.2150	0.1700	0.3475	0.2750	0.2500	0.1975
Lunch or Supper	0.3925	0.3275	0.6375	0.5300	0.4600	0.3825
Snack	0.1075	0.0850	0.1725	0.1375	0.1250	0.1000

Authority: Sections 9, 13, and 14, Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1758, 1761, and 1762a, respectively.

Dated: January 14, 2020.

Pamilyn Miller,

Administrator, USDA Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[Order No. 2092]

Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 280 (Expansion of Service Area) Under Alternative Site Framework, Caldwell, Idaho

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Act provides for “. . . the establishment . . . of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes,” and authorizes the Board to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs and Border Protection ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board adopted the alternative site framework (ASF) (15 CFR Sec. 400.2(c)) as an option for the establishment or reorganization of zones;

Whereas, the Southwest Idaho Manufacturers' Alliance, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 280, submitted an application to the Board (FTZ Docket B-39-2019, docketed June 18, 2019) for

authority to expand the service area of the zone to include Elmore County, Idaho, as described in the application, adjacent to the Boise, Idaho Customs and Border Protection port of entry;

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (84 FR 31021, June 28, 2019) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to reorganize FTZ 280 to expand the service area under the ASF is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.13, and to the Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for the zone.

Dated: January 24, 2020.

Jeffrey I. Kessler,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, Alternate Chairman Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[B-61-2019]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 151—Calhoun/Victoria Counties, Texas; Authorization of Production Activity; Caterpillar, Inc. (Tractors and Forestry Machines); Victoria, Texas

On September 27, 2019, the Calhoun/Victoria Foreign Trade Zone, Inc.,

grantee of FTZ 155, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of Caterpillar, Inc., within FTZ 155, in Victoria, Texas.

The notification was processed in accordance with the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR part 400), including notice in the **Federal Register** inviting public comment (84 FR 53673, October 8, 2019). On January 27, 2020, the applicant was notified of the FTZ Board's decision that no further review of the activity is warranted at this time. The production activity described in the notification was authorized, subject to the FTZ Act and the FTZ Board's regulations, including Section 400.14.

Dated: January 27, 2020.

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Foreign-Trade Zones Board**

[B-03-2020]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 90—Syracuse, New York; Notification of Proposed Production Activity; PPC Broadband, Inc. (Hardline Coaxial Cables); Dewitt, New York

PPC Broadband, Inc. (PPC Broadband) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board for its facility in Dewitt, New York. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on January 22, 2020.

PPC Broadband already has authority to produce coaxial cable connectors within FTZ 90. The current request