America’s Nutrition Assistance Programs
New Opportunities for Producers

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In FY 2014 USDA Programs helped serve healthy meals and snacks:

- School Breakfast Program - 13.5 million kids
- National School Lunch Program - 30 million kids
- Summer Food Service Program - 3.8 million kids
- Over 1.9 billion meals were served through the Child and Adult Care Food Program
Additional USDA Nutrition Programs

- 46 million people participated in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

- 8.3 million women and children participated in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children.

- USDA Foods- Supports child, senior, and emergency food programs.
Important Federal Investments in Nutrition Programs

- SNAP provided **$70 billion** to help households buy food.
- **Over $16 billion** was invested in healthy school meals.
- USDA provided over **$4 billion** for women and children to buy healthy food through WIC.
- **Over $3 billion** provided to child and adult care settings and family or group day care homes.
- **$460 million** was used to provide summer meals and snacks.
- **Over $166 million** to purchase fresh fruit and vegetable snacks.
Recent Updates

- Updated science-based school meal standards include sensible portion sizes that **increase fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean protein and low-fat dairy** while reducing fats and sodium.
Recent Updates

• The school food environment continues to improve through Smart Snacks in School. Smart Snacks standards offer students a selection of items that increase fruits and vegetables, lower fat and sodium and include sensible portion sizes.

• Smart Snacks provides healthy choices to over 50 million kids each day.
Recent Updates

• Recent updates to the WIC food package will help increase access to fruits, vegetables, whole grains and low-fat dairy.

• USDA has made it a priority to get more farmers markets and direct marketing farmers to participate as authorized retailers in SNAP.