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# America's Nutrition Assistance Programs New Opportunities for Producers



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### **USDA Child Nutrition Programs**

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

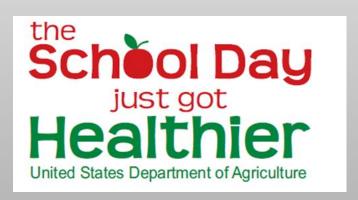
 Updated science-based school meal standards include sensible portion sizes that <u>increase fruits</u>, <u>vegetables</u>, <u>whole grains</u>, <u>lean protein and low-fat dairy</u> while reducing fats and sodium.





### 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.

