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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.



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# 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.

