



THINK FOOD

School Nutrition Programs USDA Foods Distribution Program Shipment 9 March 2017



USDA FOOD Shipment 9 Update

The USDA Foods shipment schedule and Think Food newsletters for SY 2016-2017 are located on the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) School Nutrition

website. This website is located at http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.htm. The shipment schedule is subject to change based on USDA Foods availability and warehouse space.

USDA Foods Update

Due to weather and some injuries sustained by a few truckers, the shipments are delayed about 2 weeks.

Shipment 8 should begin on February 6th and Shipment 9 should begin on February 27th.

USDA Food Cancellation

The Sweet Potato Crinkle Cuts that were to be delivered on shipment 8 have been **cancelled** by the USDA. They did not have enough vendors bid on the item to supply all the orders.

“Extras” List

Extra items are open to everyone! This will be the last regular shipment of the school year. If you want to make sure you have items to finish out the school year or begin next year with let me Tessa Bailly at tbailly@mt.gov by Tuesday February 21, 2017 at 8:00 am.

Food Item	Cases Available	Price/Case
Tortillas, 8 inch, frozen	490	\$14.57
Cheese, red fat, cheddar, shred	366	\$61.60
Corn, canned	360	\$15.57
Refried Beans, canned	311	\$17.39
Cheese, mozz, shredded, frozen	286	\$58.48
Black Beans, canned	264	\$12.98
Potato Oven Fries, frozen	251	\$18.12
Peas, frozen	221	\$18.10
Ham, cooked, frozen	191	\$61.44
Macaroni Noodles	162	\$7.14

Chicken, diced, frozen	142	\$92.92
Strawberry slices, frozen	138	\$34.86
Pork Leg Roasts, frozen	137	\$44.52
Carrots, sliced, frozen	100	\$14.35
Kidney Beans, canned	99	\$14.02
Rice, Brown	86	\$27.75
Broccoli, frozen	86	\$37.29
Apple Slices, canned	60	\$27.27
Ground Beef	53	\$94.43
Applesauce Cups	26	\$14.85
Garbanzo Beans, canned	25	\$13.77
Turkey Deli, unsliced	23	\$136.96
Vegetarian Beans, canned	23	\$14.12
Diced Tomatoes, canned	16	\$13.42
Cheese, American, sliced	11	\$47.72
Corn, frozen	5	\$13.77
Unseasoned Chicken Strips	5	\$51.27
Pancakes, frozen	4	\$9.77
Pinto Beans, canned	1	\$13.59

National School Breakfast Week March 6-10, 2017

For more information on how your school or site can celebrate National School Breakfast week please go to the following website:

<https://schoolnutrition.org/Meetings/Events/NSBW/2017/>

Farm to School Grant Opportunity

Do you have a creative way to incorporate mushrooms into student meals? If you do, enter here for a chance to win \$8,000 in farm to school grant money!

#blendtherules

- Grand Prize: \$5000 Farm to School Grant
- Runner Ups: \$1500 Farm to School Grant
- Additional Schools will win 25 mushroom growing kits each!

Learn more here:

<http://www.mushroomsinschools.com/blend-the-rules/>

USDA Foods Photo Contest

The 2nd annual USDA Foods “Show Us Your Tray” photo contest is underway! Last year, schools submitted over 200 photos of their schools meals highlighting USDA Foods. Submitting a photo is as easy as 1-2-3!

1. Take a picture of your school meal (Please ensure that photos are taken in good lighting in the highest resolution possible).
2. Include your name, school district, state, and which items are USDA Foods in your email (Meals must contain direct delivered (brown box) USDA Foods. Photos may contain processed items or DoD Fresh items, but photos containing only processed items or DoD Fresh products will not be judged).
3. Send your photo to the <mailto:USDAFoods@fns.usda.gov> mailbox

Contest ends at midnight on February 15th.



Last year's winner: Submitted by Michael Cotoneo from Duval County Public Schools in Jacksonville, Florida

Mandarin chicken salad, using USDA Foods diced chicken and whole wheat tortilla strips. Cornbread muffin, using USDA Foods flour and eggs. Berry Crisp, using USDA Foods blueberries and strawberries.

Workshops and Webinars Coming Up

Success with Standardized Recipe Workshops in:

- February 23rd in Great Falls.

This workshop will occur in the evening (6:30-8:30). For more information, contact Molly Stenberg at stenberg@montana.edu or by phone at (406) 994-7217.

School Wellness Policy: Montana Success Stories, Part 2 Webinar on February 9, from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. To register please go to the following website:

https://montana.webex.com/mw3100/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=montana&service=6&rnd=0.3111637234102457&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Fmontana.webex.com%2Fec3100%2Feventcenter%2Fevent%2FeventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26%26%26EMK%3D4832534b00000020fc5d3b05d8140d9da949dc94cd06ef70e9cadd2b885af1e1465a7aff28c204a%26siteurl%3Dmontana%26confViewID%3D3903679646%26encryptTicket%3DSDJTSwAAAAJmg-1nVqYmct9F3mLb0QsaltWrhijl5TKAaTwlK_Paw%26

Montana Harvest of the Month Program – What Educator's Need to Know Webinar on February 16 from 3 to 4 p.m. To register please go to the following website:

https://montana.webex.com/mw3100/mywebex/default.do?nomenu=true&siteurl=montana&service=6&rnd=0.2259274176471603&main_url=https%3A%2F%2Fmontana.webex.com%2Fec3100%2Feventcenter%2Fevent%2FeventAction.do%3FtheAction%3Ddetail%26%26%26EMK%3D4832534b000000221ca6a54743362f92022a1abbea5143be29f0dfde4d79a47848975c22139eb77%26siteurl%3Dmontana%26confViewID%3D3903679873%26encryptTicket%3DSDJTSwAAAAIyV3GCxioKLnUGHoMgYQ04MLKpxzzwHbt4ta7hM59-Lg2%26