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To: School Nutrition Programs  
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From: Tessa Bailly, RD  
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School Nutrition Programs - USDA Foods Distribution Manager

RE: USDA Foods – SY 2017 Planned Assistance Level (PAL) Calculations

The dollar value of foods your school is eligible to receive each school year from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is called the Planned Assistance Level (PAL).

To calculate PAL multiply your school's total lunches from school year 2016 by the USDA Foods per-meal value for school year 2017. The published per-meal value for school year 2017 is \$0.23.

If you have questions please contact me by phone at (406) 444-4412 or by email at [tbailly@mt.gov](mailto:tbailly@mt.gov).