

	Initial 50	Next 150	Next 800	Each additional
Alaska	147	112	88	77
Hawaii	106	81	63	56

¹These rates do not include the value of commodities (or cash-in-lieu of commodities) which institutions receive as additional assistance for each lunch or supper served to participants under the program. A notice announcing the value of commodities and cash-in-lieu of commodities is published separately in the **Federal Register**.

The changes in the national average payment rates for centers reflect a 3.16 percent increase during the 12-month period, May 2004 to May 2005 (from 186.7 in May 2004 to 192.6 in May 2005), in the food away from home series of the CPI for All Urban Consumers.

The changes in the food service payment rates for day care homes reflect a 1.98 percent increase during the 12-month period, May 2004 to May 2005 (from 186.6 in May 2004 to 190.3 in May 2005), in the food at home series of the CPI for All Urban Consumers.

The changes in the administrative reimbursement rates for sponsoring organizations of day care homes reflect a 2.80 percent increase during the 12-month period, May 2004 to May 2005 (from 189.1 in May 2004 to 194.4 in May 2005), in the series for all items of the CPI for All Urban Consumers, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor.

The total amount of payments available to each State agency for distribution to institutions participating in the program is based on the rates contained in this notice.

This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act. This notice has been determined to be exempt under Executive Order 12866.

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.558 and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 7 CFR Part 3015, Subpart V, and final rule related notice published at 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983.)

This notice imposes no new reporting or recordkeeping provisions that are subject to Office of Management and Budget review in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3518).

Authority: Sections 4(b)(2), 11a, 17(c) and 17(f)(3)(B) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1753(b)(2), 1759a, 1766(f)(3)(B)) and section 4(b)(1)(B) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1773(b)(1)(B)).

Dated: July 12, 2005.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

National School Lunch, Special Milk, and School Breakfast Programs; National Average Payments/Maximum Reimbursement Rates

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the annual adjustments to the “national average payments,” the amount of money the Federal Government provides States for lunches, afterschool snacks and breakfasts served to children participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs; to the “maximum reimbursement rates,” the maximum per lunch rate from Federal funds that a State can provide a school food authority for lunches served to children participating in the National School Lunch Program; and to the rate of reimbursement for a halfpint of milk served to nonneedy children in a school or institution which participates in the Special Milk Program for Children. The payments and rates are prescribed on an annual basis each July. The annual payments and rates adjustments for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs reflect changes in the Food Away From Home series of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. The annual rate adjustment for the Special Milk Program reflects changes in the Producer Price Index for Fluid Milk Products. These payments and rates are in effect from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

DATES: *Effective Date:* These rates are effective from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Todd Barrett, Acting Section Chief, School Programs Section, Policy and Program Development Branch, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition

Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 640, Alexandria, VA 22302 or phone (703) 305–2590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

*Special Milk Program for Children—*Pursuant to section 3 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1772), the Department announces the rate of reimbursement for a halfpint of milk served to nonneedy children in a school or institution that participates in the Special Milk Program for Children. This rate is adjusted annually to reflect changes in the Producer Price Index for Fluid Milk Products, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor.

For the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, the rate of reimbursement for a halfpint of milk served to a nonneedy child in a school or institution which participates in the Special Milk Program is 15.5 cents. This reflects a decrease of 8.87 percent in the Producer Price Index for Fluid Milk Products from May 2004 to May 2005 (from a level of 185.9 in May 2004 to 169.4 in May 2005).

As a reminder, schools or institutions with pricing programs that elect to serve milk free to eligible children continue to receive the average cost of a halfpint of milk (the total cost of all milk purchased during the claim period divided by the total number of purchased halfpints) for each halfpint served to an eligible child.

*National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs—*Pursuant to sections 11 and 17A of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, (42 U.S.C. 1759a and 1766a), and section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773), the Department annually announces the adjustments to the National Average Payment Factors and to the maximum Federal reimbursement rates for lunches and afterschool snacks served to children participating in the National School Lunch Program and breakfasts served to children participating in the School Breakfast Program. Adjustments are prescribed each July 1, based on changes in the Food Away From Home series of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of

Labor. The changes in the national average payment rates for schools and residential child care institutions for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 reflect a 3.16 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers during the 12-month period May 2004 to May 2005 (from a level of 186.7 in May 2004 to 192.6 in May 2005). Adjustments to the national average payment rates for all lunches served under the National School Lunch Program, breakfasts served under the School Breakfast Program, and afterschool snacks served under the National School Lunch Program are rounded down to the nearest whole cent.

Lunch Payment Levels—Section 4 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1753) provides general cash for food assistance payments to States to assist schools in purchasing food. The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act provides two different section 4 payment levels for lunches served under the National School Lunch Program. The lower payment level applies to lunches served by school food authorities in which less than 60 percent of the lunches served in the school lunch program during the second preceding school year were served free or at a reduced price. The higher payment level applies to lunches served by school food authorities in which 60 percent or more of the lunches served during the second preceding school year were served free or at a reduced price.

To supplement these section 4 payments, section 11 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759(a)) provides special cash assistance payments to aid schools in providing free and reduced price lunches. The section 11 National Average Payment Factor for each reduced price lunch served is set at 40 cents less than the factor for each free lunch.

As authorized under sections 8 and 11 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1757 and 1759a), maximum reimbursement rates for each type of lunch are prescribed by the Department in this Notice. These maximum rates are to ensure equitable disbursement of Federal funds to school food authorities.

Afterschool Snack Payments in Afterschool Care Programs—Section 17A of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766a)

establishes National Average Payments for free, reduced price and paid afterschool snacks as part of the National School Lunch Program.

Breakfast Payment Factors—Section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773) establishes National Average Payment Factors for free, reduced price and paid breakfasts served under the School Breakfast Program and additional payments for free and reduced price breakfasts served in schools determined to be in “severe need” because they serve a high percentage of needy children.

Revised Payments

The following specific section 4, section 11 and section 17A National Average Payment Factors and maximum reimbursement rates for lunch, the afterschool snack rates, and the breakfast rates are in effect from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. Due to a higher cost of living, the average payments and maximum reimbursements for Alaska and Hawaii are higher than those for all other States. The District of Columbia, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Guam use the figures specified for the contiguous States.

National School Lunch Program Payments

Section 4 National Average Payment Factors—In school food authorities which served less than 60 percent free and reduced price lunches in School Year 2003–04, the payments for meals served are:

Contiguous States: Paid rate—22 cents, free and reduced price rate—22 cents, maximum rate—30 cents;
Alaska: Paid rate—36 cents, free and reduced price rate—36 cents, maximum rate—47 cents;
Hawaii: Paid rate—26 cents, free and reduced price rate—26 cents, maximum rate—34 cents.

In school food authorities which served 60 percent or more free and reduced price lunches in School Year 2003–04, payments are:

Contiguous States: Paid rate—24 cents, free and reduced price rate—24 cents, maximum rate—30 cents;
Alaska: Paid rate—38 cents, free and reduced price rate—38 cents, maximum rate—47 cents;
Hawaii: Paid rate—28 cents, free and reduced price rate—28 cents, maximum rate—34 cents.

Section 11 National Average Payment Factors:

Contiguous States: Free lunch—210 cents, reduced price lunch—170 cents;

Alaska: Free lunch—340 cents, reduced price lunch—300 cents;

Hawaii: Free lunch—246 cents, reduced price lunch—206 cents.

Afterschool Snacks in Afterschool Care Programs. The payments are:

Contiguous States: Free snack—63 cents, reduced price snack—31 cents, paid snack—05 cents;

Alaska: Free snack—103 cents, reduced price snack—51 cents, paid snack—09 cents;

Hawaii: Free snack—74 cents, reduced price snack—37 cents, paid snack—06 cents.

School Breakfast Program Payments

For schools “not in severe need” the payments are:

Contiguous States: Free breakfast—127 cents, reduced price breakfast—97 cents, paid breakfast—23 cents;

Alaska: Free breakfast—202 cents, reduced price breakfast—172 cents, paid breakfast—34 cents;

Hawaii: Free breakfast—148 cents, reduced price breakfast—118 cents, paid breakfast—26 cents.

For schools in “severe need” the payments are:

Contiguous States: Free breakfast—151 cents, reduced price breakfast—121 cents, paid breakfast—23 cents;

Alaska: Free breakfast—242 cents, reduced price breakfast—212 cents, paid breakfast—34 cents;

Hawaii: Free breakfast—176 cents, reduced price breakfast—146 cents, paid breakfast—26 cents.

Payment Chart

The following chart illustrates: the lunch National Average Payment Factors with the sections 4 and 11 already combined to indicate the per lunch amount; the maximum lunch reimbursement rates; the reimbursement rates for afterschool snacks served in afterschool care programs; the breakfast National Average Payment Factors including “severe need” schools; and the milk reimbursement rate. All amounts are expressed in dollars or fractions thereof. The payment factors and reimbursement rates used for the District of Columbia, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Guam are those specified for the contiguous States.

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SCHOOL PROGRAMS						
MEAL, SNACK AND MILK PAYMENTS TO STATES AND SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITIES						
Expressed in Dollars or Fractions Thereof						
Effective from: July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006						
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM*			LESS THAN 60%	60% OR MORE	MAXIMUM RATE	
CONTIGUOUS STATES	PAID	REDUCED PRICE	0.22	0.24	0.30	
	FREE		1.92	1.94	2.09	
ALASKA	PAID	REDUCED PRICE	2.32	2.34	2.49	
	FREE		0.36	0.38	0.47	
HAWAII	PAID	REDUCED PRICE	3.36	3.38	3.62	
	FREE		3.76	3.78	4.02	
	PAID	REDUCED PRICE	0.26	0.28	0.34	
	FREE		2.32	2.34	2.50	
SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM	PAID	REDUCED PRICE	2.72	2.74	2.90	
	FREE					
NON-SEVERE NEED			SEVERE NEED			
CONTIGUOUS STATES	PAID	REDUCED PRICE	0.23		0.23	
	FREE		0.97		1.21	
ALASKA	PAID	REDUCED PRICE	1.27		1.51	
	FREE		0.34		0.34	
HAWAII	PAID	REDUCED PRICE	1.72		2.12	
	FREE		2.02		2.42	
SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM	PAID	REDUCED PRICE	0.26		0.26	
	FREE		1.18		1.46	
PRICING PROGRAMS WITHOUT FREE OPTION	PAID	REDUCED PRICE	1.48		1.76	
	FREE					
PRICING PROGRAMS WITH FREE OPTION	PAID	REDUCED PRICE	ALL MILK	PAID MILK	FREE MILK	
	FREE		0.155	N/A	N/A	
NONPRICING PROGRAMS	PAID	REDUCED PRICE	N/A	0.155	Average Cost Per 1/2 Pint of Milk	
	FREE		0.155	N/A	N/A	
AFTERSCHOOL SNACKS SERVED IN AFTERSCHOOL CARE PROGRAMS						
CONTIGUOUS STATES	PAID	REDUCED PRICE	0.05			
	FREE		0.31			
ALASKA	PAID	REDUCED PRICE	0.63			
	FREE		0.09			
HAWAII	PAID	REDUCED PRICE	0.51			
	FREE		1.03			
*Payment listed for Free and Reduced Price Lunches include both section 4 and section 11 funds						

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This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), no new recordkeeping or reporting requirements have been included that are subject to approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

This action is exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

National School Lunch, School Breakfast and Special Milk Programs are listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.555, No. 10.553 and No. 10.556, respectively, and are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 7 CFR part

3015, subpart V, and the final rule related notice published at 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983.)

Authority: Sections 4, 8, 11 and 17A of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 1753, 1757, 1759a, 1766a) and sections 3 and 4(b) of the Child Nutrition Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 1772 and 42 U.S.C. 1773(b)).

Dated: July 12, 2005.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Food Distribution Program: Value of Donated Foods From July 1, 2005 Through June 30, 2006

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the national average value of donated foods or, where applicable, cash in lieu of donated foods, to be provided in school year 2006 (July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006) for each lunch served by schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), and for each lunch and supper served by institutions participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). It also announces the national average value of donated foods to be provided in school year 2006 for each lunch served by commodity only schools.

DATES: *Effective date:* July 1, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lillie F. Ragan, Assistant Branch Chief, Policy Branch, Food Distribution Division, Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302 or telephone (703) 305-2662.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These programs are listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under Nos. 10.550, 10.555, and 10.558 and are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, and final rule related notice published at 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983.)

This notice imposes no new reporting or recordkeeping provisions that are subject to Office of Management and Budget review in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507). This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act. This notice has been determined to be exempt under Executive Order 12866.

National Average Minimum Value of Donated Foods for the Period July 1, 2005 Through June 30, 2006

This notice implements mandatory provisions of sections 6(c), 14(f) and 17(h)(1)(B) of the National School Lunch Act (the Act) (42 U.S.C. 1755(c), 1762a(f), and 1766(h)(1)(B)). Section 6(c)(1)(A) of the Act establishes the national average value of donated food assistance to be given to States for each lunch served in NSLP at 11.00 cents per meal. Pursuant to section 6(c)(1)(B), this amount is subject to annual adjustments on July 1 of each year to reflect changes in a three-month average value of the Price Index for Foods Used in Schools and Institutions for March, April, and May each year (Price Index). Section 17(h)(1)(B) of the Act provides that the same value of donated foods (or cash in lieu of donated foods) for school lunches shall also be established for lunches and suppers served in CACFP. Notice is hereby given that the national average minimum value of donated foods, or cash in lieu thereof, per lunch under NSLP (7 CFR part 210) and per lunch and supper under CACFP (7 CFR part 226) shall be 17.50 cents for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

The Price Index is computed using five major food components in the Bureau of Labor Statistics Producer Price Index (cereal and bakery products; meats, poultry and fish; dairy products; processed fruits and vegetables; and fats and oils). Each component is weighted using the relative weight as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The value of food assistance is adjusted each July 1 by the annual percentage change in a three-month average value of the Price Index for March, April and May each year. The three-month average of the Price Index increased by 1.3 percent from 152.98 for March, April and May of 2004 to 155.03 for the same three months in 2005. When computed on the basis of unrounded data and rounded to the nearest one-quarter cent, the resulting national average for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 will be 17.50 cents per meal. This is an increase of 0.25 cents from the school year 2005 (July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005) rate.

Section 14(f) of the Act provides that commodity only schools shall be eligible to receive donated foods equal in value to the sum of the national average value of donated foods established under section 6(c) of the Act and the national average payment established under section 4 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1753). Such schools are eligible to receive up to 5 cents per meal

of this value in cash for processing and handling expenses related to the use of such donated foods.

Commodity only schools are defined in section 12(d)(2) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(d)(2)) as "schools that do not participate in the school lunch program under this Act, but which receive commodities made available by the Secretary for use by such schools in nonprofit lunch programs." For school year 2006, commodity only schools shall be eligible to receive donated food assistance valued at 39.50 cents for each free, reduced price, and paid lunch served. This amount is based on the sum of the section 6(c) level of assistance announced in this notice and the adjusted section 4 minimum national average payment factor for school year 2006. The section 4 factor for commodity only schools does not include the two cents per lunch increase for schools where 60 percent of the lunches served in the school lunch program in the second preceding school year were served free or at reduced prices, because that increase is applicable only to schools participating in NSLP.

Authority: Sections 6(c)(1)(A) and (B), 6(e)(1), 14(f) and 17(h)(1)(B) of the National School Lunch Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1755(c)(1)(A) and (B) and 6(e)(1), 1762a(f), and 1766(h)(1)(B)).

Dated: July 8, 2005.

Roberto Salazar,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Notice of Sanders County Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393) the Lolo and Kootenai National Forests' Sanders County Resource Advisory Committee will meet on July 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Thompson Falls, Montana for a business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: July 21, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Thompson Falls Courthouse, 1111 Main Street, Thompson Falls, MT 59873.