



December 15, 2022

## Baby Formula Recalled

*ByHeart voluntarily recalls certain infant formula products*

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently announced that ByHeart, a formula manufacturer, voluntarily recalled certain infant formula products. The USDA is working closely with the FDA to monitor this developing situation and are ready to respond if the impact of the recall evolves. Parents and caregivers of infants who have purchased this product should follow instructions provided by ByHeart in their [letter to consumers](#).

ByHeart has voluntarily recalled five batches of its Whole Nutrition Infant Formula, Milk Based Powder with Iron for 0-12 Months in 24 oz containers due to concern of potential cross contamination with *Cronobacter sakazakii*. The formula under voluntary recall was distributed directly to consumers in the U.S. and can be identified by the number on the bottom of the can. The product batches that have been recalled should be printed with a use by date of 01 JAN 24 or 01 JUL 24. Those batches are as follows:

- 22273 C1
- 22276 C1
- 22277 C1
- 22278 C1
- 22280 C1

Click [here](#) to continue reading.

**CALLING ALL CACFP PROVIDERS!!**

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

WE ARE SEEKING STORIES AND PICTURES OF FARM TO ECE ACTIVITIES IN YOUR PROGRAM, ENGAGING CHILDREN IN ...  
GARDENING,  
HANDS-ON COOKING,  
TASTE TESTS,  
EATING LOCALLY GROWN FOOD ITEMS IN MEALS AND SNACKS, AND  
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT.

SHARE YOUR BUZZ WITH US!!

## Farm to Early Care & Education Pollinator Series

*Call for Stories closes Dec 19*

Calling All CACFP Operators! DECAL's Nutrition Services wants to hear your Farm to Early Care and Education (ECE) stories as part of our Farm to ECE Pollinator Series.

Pollinators carry pollen from plant to plant, allow our ecosystem to thrive, and impact the growth of our plants.

Pollinators like you advance the Farm to ECE efforts across Georgia, impacting our youngest learners and their families, by spreading knowledge and joy of growing, harvesting, preparing, and interacting with nourishing food while increasing healthy food access.

The chosen programs will be spotlighted and will receive a Farm to ECE gift package. The Farm to ECE Pollinator Series call for stories closes on Monday, December 19. Share your buzz with us and celebrate your efforts across Georgia via this [Call for Stories Survey](#).

#DECALNutrition #DECALPhysicalActivity #GAFarmtoECE  
#DECALsFarmtoECEPollinatorsSeries

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## Update Your Banking Information

*Verification may take up to 30 days to process*

Anytime changes are made to your banking account information, please notify DECAL by completing the [Vendor Management Form](#). The State Accounting Office (SAO) Vendor Management Group has an extensive process for verifying the bank accounts of any individual or organization for which payments are made. This is to prevent fraudulent banking and payments. Therefore, any updates made to your existing banking information may take up to four to five weeks to process.

To mitigate delays, please follow these steps:

- Use the proper Vendor Management Form. **Note:** This form changes periodically.
- Complete sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Vendor Management Form.
- On section 2, date and sign with a real signature – SAO will now accept digital signatures. Digital signatures are created by using appropriate PDF software such as Adobe. Typed signatures using a cursive style font remain unacceptable.
- On Section 2, specify general bank account for use by all state agencies or specific purpose (Pre-K, Nutrition, etc.).
- On Section 3, a selection **must be made**.
- Use the proper IRS W-9 Form Sign and date the IRS W-9 Form (signatures on a W-9 are only valid 12 months from the date of the signature per IRS guidelines). W9's must be submitted using the October 2018 version. The version date is both in the top left and bottom right of the form). Digital signatures are NOT acceptable on the W-9.
  - W9's for businesses must be completed exactly as the IRS has the company name listed on their tax returns. Both DECAL and SAO verify Tax ID and Name combinations using IRS software. DECAL will not honor requests to setup new vendors where the Tax ID and Name combination does not match IRS records. Vendors may be required to resubmit a W-9 with accurate information or request a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) verification letter from IRS and submit to DECAL.
- Submit the Vendor Management Form and updated W-9 to your assigned Application Specialist for processing.

Note: SAO eliminated the requirement for a voided check or bank letter. However, if banking information cannot be verified on the form, you may be asked to submit a voided check or a bank letter. This usually happens with smaller banks, out of state banks, or credit unions. Also, SAO may contact you directly to independently verify banking changes. If you do not cooperate with SAO representatives for this verification, your request to change your bank will not be honored and your payment may be delayed.

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## Procurement Helpful Hints

*Monitoring Executed Contracts, Agreements, and Services*

As a reminder, organizations are encouraged to monitor and evaluate executed contracts,

agreements, and invoices frequently, and assess current and potential meal sites. Monitoring contracts, agreements, and services may help with the following:

- Finding unexpected changes by the vendor on prices or supplies.
- Inspecting unanticipated changes in the number of meals served to apply in the upcoming Program year.
- Discovering a need for a new vendor based on unfilled terms in the agreement or contract.
- Preparing for the end of the contract.
- Identifying there are no remaining renewal options.
- Determining an alternative procurement method to use compared to the prior year (i.e., new bid process, new agreements, amendments, change in procurement method overall, etc.).

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## Forecasting Purchases for CACFP

In the last year, food cost have increased across the globe substantially. According to the USDA's Economic Research Services, in 2023, all food prices are predicted to increase between three and four percent (1).

When forecasting the monthly food cost for goods and services, consider the institution's projected average meals served and factor in the three to four percent food cost upsurge. For the best value during procurement, compare food items competitively and equally among purveyors, grocery stores, local farmers, and producers. Procuring local food items from farmers can help neutralize some of the anticipated increased food prices. Become familiar with the local farmers in the institution's area and visit the [USDA Local Food Directories](#).

For questions regarding the procurement process, please contact Tempest Harris, Procurement Compliance Specialist, at [Tempest.Harris@dec.al.gov](mailto:Tempest.Harris@dec.al.gov).

1. Matthew MacLachlan and Megan Sweitzer. "Summary Findings Food Price Outlook, 2022 and 2023". Economic Research Service U.S. Department of Agriculture, located [here](#) from November, 102022.

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## Requesting CACFP Statewide Waivers under the New Program Year

Beginning November 1, 2022, CACFP institutions approved to operate in FY 2023 must request to use a waiver under the **FY 2022 – 2023** USDA waiver module in GA ATLAS.

As a reminder, the FY 2022 - 2023 waiver template becomes accessible once the institution's application renewal for the new Program year has been approved. In GA ATLAS, the **Application Packet Status** must indicate "**Approved**" for FY 2022 -2023.

For complete instructions on how to submit a waiver request in GA Atlas, please click [here](#).

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## Available CACFP Statewide Waivers

The emergency authority that allowed USDA to offer nationwide waivers in response to COVID-19 expired on June 30, 2022. Congress did not extend USDA's nationwide waiver authority. This means USDA can no longer offer the full range of nationwide waivers that have been available. However, USDA can provide limited operational and administrative flexibility through statewide waivers.

DECAL applied and was approved to use certain waiver flexibilities. Below you will find information regarding available CACFP waivers authorized by USDA, in addition to

information on waivers that have expired or will be expiring very soon. A copy of the waiver approval can be found [here](#):

A presentation summarizing the waivers and requirements update was created by the Nutrition team. If you would like to review the slides, you can access the deck [here](#). The recorded version of the presentation can be found on DECAL's website under Training and Technical Assistance - Recorded Training Webinars/Videos located [here](#).

## CACFP Statewide Waivers Available for Request effective July 1, 2022

Waiver	Effective Dates	Request Usage via
Non-Congregate Meal Services	July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	USDA Waiver Module
Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup	July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	USDA Waiver Module
Meal Service Times	July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	USDA Waiver Module

### Non-Congregate Meal Service, Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup, and Meal Service Times Waiver Requirements

**The Non-Congregate Meal Service, Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup, and Meal Service Times waivers may only be implemented when CACFP meal services are limited by the COVID-19 pandemic.** Therefore, the following criteria is required for these three waivers to be approved and used by CACFP institutions and sponsors. Waiver requests must be based on at least 1 of the following criteria:

#### Criteria 1:

The center/facility must be located in a county that is designated as High, Substantial, or Moderate regarding COVID-19 community transmissions as determined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and/or Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) websites:

- CDC, [here](#) - Under the "Data Type" pull down menu (located mid-page), the user would select "Community Transmission" to access a county's designation; and/or
- DPH, [here](#) - The user would select the most recent County Indicator Report and click "Community Transmission" in the top right corner of the page to access a county's designation.

#### Criteria 2:

Institutions and sponsors can provide official documentation affirming a meal service has been impacted as a result of COVID-19 transmission. The documentation must be issued by (1) a public state, local, or county official; (2) a school superintendent or principal; or (3) a Center Director reporting a documented case of COVID-19 within the child and/or adult care facility. Documentation to support the documented case of COVID-19 could be a letter or email that was sent to parents or staff advising of the documented case.

The Non-Congregate Meal Service, Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup, and Meal Service Times waivers will be effective for **30 days** upon approval, with the option to re-apply for an additional 30 days, if the criteria are met using the most current data from the CDC, GA DPH, or with new documentation affirming that meal services have been impacted.

\*Documentation to support the criteria chosen must be uploaded with the waiver request in GA Atlas. Additionally, waiver requests will be reviewed/approved only once a center/facility has been approved to operate the CACFP.

### Requesting a Waiver via the USDA Waiver Module

**The Non-Congregate Meal Service, Parent/Guardian Meal Pickup, and Meal Service Times waivers must be requested through the USDA Waiver Module.** For information on requesting a waiver, please access the following resources:

- [USDA Waiver User Guide](#) – Provides step by step instructions on how to submit a

waiver request in GA Atlas (applies to both CACFP and SFSP).

- **Important Reminders when using USDA Approved Waivers** - Discusses key recordkeeping requirements.
- **USDA Waiver Addendum** – Required when using the Parent Pick-up waiver or when home delivery under the Non-Congregate waiver.

## USDA Nationwide Waivers Extended

Two USDA Nationwide Waivers for CACFP have been extended as a result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency being renewed another 90 days by the US Department of Health and Human Services. This renewal was issued October 13, 2022. Below are the two waivers that have been impacted by the renewal:

Waiver	Expires
Onsite Monitoring Requirements	February 10, 2023 (30 days after the end of the public health emergency)
Reimbursement for Meals & Snacks served to Young Adults in the CACFP	January 11, 2023

## Area Eligibility – Update

On May 13, 2022, USDA issued the memorandum [Area Eligibility for Summer 2022 and School Year 2022-2023](#). This memorandum provided guidance on the transition from COVID-19 Nationwide waivers related to the establishment of area eligibility in Child Nutrition Programs for summer 2022 and SY 2022-2023.

In SY 2021-2022 many schools participated in the Nationwide waiver to operate the Seamless Summer Option (SSO) during SY 2021-2022 and did not have to complete free and reduced eligibility information. This has resulted in an absence of complete SY 2021-2022 free and reduced-price school data. As school data and census data are the primary sources used to determine area eligibility in both CACFP and Happy Helpings, the USDA has advised that Program operators may use one of the following two options with regards to school data:

- Use school data from SY 2019-2020 to determine area eligibility. SY 2019-2020 school data is now available on Nutrition Services' website ([Happy Helpings, CACFP](#)).
- SFAs may use Community Eligibility Provision Data (CEP). Once area eligibility data is established, all NSLP afterschool snack programs, SSO, CACFP at-risk afterschool and family day care homes, and SFSP operators may establish sites based on the determination.

**Note:** These options are not available for sites located in the attendance area of schools that operated NSLP in SY 2021-2022.

For general questions on requesting a USDA approved waiver, please contact [Tammie.Baldwin@decal.ga.gov](mailto:Tammie.Baldwin@decal.ga.gov).

For specific policy questions pertaining to waivers, please contact [Robyn.Parham@decal.ga.gov](mailto:Robyn.Parham@decal.ga.gov).

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## Training Dates

**January 3, 2023**

***Tuesday Tip! Serving Meat & Meat Alternates at Breakfast***

Do you need a 30-minute meal pattern refresher on meat & meat alternates? Join this webinar to learn CACFP requirements for serving meat and meat alternates at breakfast.

- ***Participants can earn two [2] state-approved hours for attending this training in its entirety.***

**January 23, 2023**

### ***Memo Monday!***

Regulations are constantly changing and interpreting all the policies and memorandums can be a challenge. Therefore, Nutrition Services will discuss the following policy memos during our January *Memo Monday*.

- *Collection of Race and Ethnicity Data in the Child and Adult Care Food Program and Summer Food Service Program*

**January 31, 2023**

### ***Growing Adventurous Eaters***

Do you need help with picky eaters, providing hands-on food education and child engagement? Join this webinar to learn:

- ways to overcome picky eating in children,
- family style dining tips and tricks, and
- opportunities for hands-on food education to engage children with their food in a deeper, more meaningful way.
- ***Participants can earn two [2] state-approved hours for attending this training in its entirety.***

## **Section 2: Training Resources**

### **In Case You Missed It: Webinar Recordings Now Available!**

If you missed a *webinar*, please visit the [Training and Technical Assistance](#) webpage for previously recorded webinars. This month's training highlight is the [November Memo Monday](#) webinar. It discussed fluid milk, fluid milk substitutes, reclaiming meals due to a milk shortage, offer versus serve, family-style dining, and best practices to improve nutrition.

### **Reducing the Risk of Choking in Young Children at Mealtime**

USDA's [Team Nutrition](#) has developed this worksheet to help providers learn about ways to reduce the risk of choking by safely serving meals to children. Available in both English and Spanish

- [[Reduce the Risk](#)]

### **Crediting Recipes in the CACFP**

The [National CACFP Sponsor Association](#) has developed this worksheet to walk program operators through the steps of creating and crediting a recipe for CACFP.

- [[Download the Worksheet](#)]

### **Snack Attack *New Recipes!***

The [National CACFP Sponsor Association](#) has shared snack options for program operators that are #CACFPCreditable.

- Cheese quesadilla
- Baby carrots and pita bread
- Cheddar cheese cubes and green beans
- Dried fruit and cereal
- Pumpkin bread and milk

### **Whole-Child Wellness**

The [Sesame Street in the Communities](#) has shared a new resource on their [Staying Healthy](#) webpage to help all families build healthy habits, healthy minds and healthy bodies.

- [[Get Healthy](#)]

### **Determining Grain Ounce Equivalents of Grains in CACFP Recipes Worksheets**

USDA's [Team Nutrition](#) has developed this worksheet to help program operators determine the required amount for grains for CACFP when preparing meals from scratch, available in English and Spanish.

- [[Download the Worksheet](#)]

### **Using the Nutrition Facts Label in the CACFP**

USDA's **Team Nutrition** has developed this worksheet to help program operators understand the benefits of the Nutrition Fact Label and how to read the label to choose the best foods to serve the children and adults in your care, available in English and Spanish.

- [[Get the Nutrition Facts](#)]

### Meal Pattern Minute

The **National CACFP Sponsor Association** has developed quick CACFP meal pattern tips, recipes and resources, videos are included.

- [[Discover the Tips](#)]

### Corn Five (5) Ways

**MyPlate** has developed this infographic to share five ways to prepare corn for a CACFP meal. Explore the website to discover more infographics on nutrition information.

- [[Get the Info](#)]

### Food Buying Guide (FBG) for Child Nutrition Programs Interactive Web-based Tool **New feature!**

USDA's Team Nutrition has added the following new food yields: frozen cherries, frozen cauliflower rice, frozen diced carrots, frozen legumes (black-eyed peas, navy beans, and garbanzo beans), mini sweet peppers, and pearled farro. Additionally, a new feature is now available on the Food Buying Guide (FBG) for Child Nutrition Programs Interactive Web-based Tool and FBG Interactive Mobile App. Team Nutrition is excited to announce that this new feature allows a Favorites List and Compare Items List to be exported as an Excel file for ease of use. Explore the **Food Buying Guide** today!

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## Training and Technical Assistance

The goal of the Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Unit is to improve performance and better equip new and participating institutions and sponsors by providing practical, user-friendly resources and guidance materials that strengthen internal controls and result in successful, sustainable program administration and operation. We want to ensure we continue to meet this goal during any transitions and/or position changes.

Therefore, institutions that reside in **region 2** listed above, please contact our Nutrition TA mailbox at [NutritionTA@dec.al.gov](mailto:NutritionTA@dec.al.gov) with any needed technical assistance.

You may also visit our **Training and Technical Assistance** webpage for program resources and recorded webinars.



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## Nutrition Ed Nook

### *Lettuce Eat*

Lettuce is the December Harvest of the Month spotlight (**English** and **Spanish**). Lettuce is high in fiber and contains good amounts of vitamins A and C, calcium, potassium, folate, and iron, however, nutritional value varies by variety. The leafy vegetable comes in many different varieties



and colors. Types of lettuce include Iceberg, romaine, green leaf, arugula, and red leaf. Some lettuce may be purple, red, bright green, dark green or speckled. Most people consume it raw, but some recipes require lettuce to be cooked.

In Georgia, lettuce is in season mostly year-round, except July and August. It is a cool-season vegetable that can be planted in early fall or early spring and can even tolerate a light frost.

**Fun Fact:** People in Georgia eat more than 285 million pounds of lettuce a year, but we grow less than 0.1 percent of that.

### Integration:

- [Teriyaki Lettuce Wraps](#)
- [Ground Chicken Lettuce Wraps](#)
- [Mini-Burgers](#)
- [Salmon Patties](#)
- [Tasty Tostadas](#)

### Education:

- **Grow** lettuce. Lettuce is an excellent item for growing in raised beds or containers, with moist, soggy soil. Lettuce enjoys cool temperatures. Choose an area that receives at least 8 to 10 hours of sunlight per day.
- **Read [Lettuce!](#) by Diana Kizlauskas** with the children you serve. Kizlauskas' thoughtful, fun, and compelling tale focuses on Rabbit, who finds that lettuce he has planted has grown as big as a building and must figure out what to do with it.
- **Talk** with families about how children can help with meal preparation such as tearing lettuce for salads and sandwiches. **Bonus:** Send recipes home with families for them to incorporate lettuce into their meals.

### Conversation:

- Have the children you serve eaten lettuce before?
- What is their favorite meal that includes lettuce?
- What other green vegetables do they like to eat?



## December's Harvest of the Month

### *BONUS Item: Citrus*

Citrus is the December Harvest of the Month spotlight bonus. Citrus refers to juicy fruits that grow on trees and have a bitter outer skin that must be peeled before eating the juicy inner fruit. This fruit comes in shades of green, orange, and yellow and can be sweet or sour.

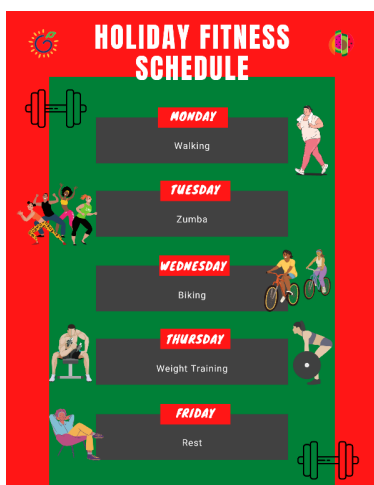
Variations of the fruit include clementines, grapefruit, lemons, limes, tangerines, oranges, blood oranges, and mandarin oranges. Most of them are very high in vitamin C, which helps heal cuts and supports healthy skin. They are also a good source of fiber. Citrus fruits make refreshing, juicy snacks, whether eaten alone or added to a salad.

**Fun Facts:** It takes about ten years before an orange tree grown from seed will grow fruit. Orange trees live for a very long time, often from fifty to eighty years. A full-sized orange tree grows an average of 1,500 oranges per year.



- **Citrus Salad**
- **Glass of Sunshine Flavored Water**
- **Baked Lemon Chicken**
- **Fresh Salsa**

Share your Harvest of the Month stories and menu integration of lettuce and citrus with Nutrition Education Specialist, Morgan Chapman at [morgan.chapman@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:morgan.chapman@dec.al.ga.gov).



## Physical Activity Corner: *Stay Active This Holiday Season*

New Month, New You - Energize Your Health! It is that time of the year when loved ones, co-workers, and friends gather during the holiday seasons, such as Christmas, Diwali, Hannukah, Kwanza, and to celebrate the New Year.

Make it exciting, entertaining, and stress free for you and your loved ones. Here are some simple active ways to stay active and stress-free. Reduce screen time, add exercise, and move. You and your loved ones can create calendars of fun and easy fitness activities for the month of December. This will include indoor and outdoor activities, such as biking, dancing

(Zumba), doing sit-ups, gardening, jogging/walking, jumping rope, playing basketball and soccer, and yoga.

Post and write small specific measurable exercise goals in a visible area, such as on the refrigerator, holiday calendar, and white board. Encourage each other to set active habits. Furthermore, do some stretching hours before bedtime to help with relaxation and sleep. Make physical activity a part of the joyous and fun holiday season.

### Integration:

- **Twelve (12) Days of Activities on the holidays**
- **Move Your Way: Tips for Getting Motivated**
- **Outdoor Holiday Activities for Children**
- **Winter Holiday Events in Georgia**

### Education:

- **Read** aloud the book, **“Grow Strong! A Book About Healthy Habits,”** by Cheri J. Meiners.
- **Watch** the video on **“Move Your Way: Tips for Getting Active as a Family.”**
- **Talk** with families about ways to integrate fitness into the holiday winter season. **Bonus:** Share #HolidayWorkout and #HolidayFitnessGoal pictures and events that are happening in your communities and add #DECALPhysicalActivity.

### Conversation:

- What is your favorite fitness activity to do during the holiday winter season?
- How do you stay physically active during the holidays?
- Why is it important to exercise during the holidays?
- What is a stress free and easy exercise to do in the holidays?

Share your **#HolidayFitnessChallenge**, **#HolidayFitnessGoals**, and **#HolidayWorkout** stories and pictures with Physical Activity Specialist, Tina McLaren at [tina.mclaren@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:tina.mclaren@dec.al.ga.gov).



## **DECAL's Nutrition Spotlight:** *Meet Nkem Ijeh, Technical Assistance Coordinator and Trainer*

Nkem is a Technical Assistance Coordinator and Trainer for the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and Happy Helpings, Georgia's Summer Food Service Program in the North/North West region. In this role, Nkem supports sponsors and institutions by helping them successfully navigate program requirements and to maintain compliance. She loves assisting partners, teaching new policies, and ensuring that program compliance and expectations are met.

Nkem is a compassionate person and loves helping people. She has a knack for learning and becoming more knowledgeable in her field. "The ability to support and be in a supportive role is so gratifying. I enjoy the process of assisting an institution." Nkem understands that there is a lot of information to comprehend about CACFP and Happy Helpings, and she wants to make sure she can help lighten the burden. "The challenge of learning new information and becoming an expert in that subject is exciting to me. It brings me joy when I can explain a certain policy to an institution or site and I see the connection made."

The best aspect of the job for Nkem is witnessing programs that expose children to new foods where; otherwise, they might not know about. "I always get so moved and touched by the levels of commitment and passion from the sites that serve their community. Many children just do not have the means to access nutritious meals. It is so touching when I see children receive those meals," said Nkem. "It seems like such a small gesture, but the picture is much bigger than it seems" she added.

Nkem graduated from Georgia State University with a bachelor's in Psychology and later obtained her master's in Public Health from Mercer University School of Medicine. Her education afforded her the opportunity to work for a leading non-profit agency, where she spent seven years in various roles and leadership positions, including serving as a Maternal and Child Health Program Coordinator where she expanded her passion of training.

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## **Eat Healthy and Live Active**

### *Georgia Early Care and Education Harvest of the Month 22-23 Calendar*

Harvest of the Month (HOTM) is the Georgia Department of Education School Nutrition Program's farm to school initiative that highlights an item each month that can be sourced locally and served in Georgia's school meals.

DECAL's Harvest of the Month calendar aligns with the Georgia Department of Education's Harvest of the Month initiative and was created in partnership with Quality Care for Children, Georgia Organics, and the Farm to Early Care & Education Coalition for Early Care & Education settings.

Visit the [Georgia Department of Education's HOTM webpage](#) and the Quality Care for Children [website](#). Upon viewing, you can find tips and tricks for preparing produce items, curriculum connections, activity lists and book alignment for your early care classrooms.



## CACFP Resources:

*The following documents were covered in previous newsletters:*

- **New and Revised CACFP Policies and Memoranda**
- **Non-profit Food Service & Procurement Procedures Monitoring**
- **FY2023 Annual CACFP Budget Submission**
- **Newly Revised CACFP Memorandum-Civil Rights Complaint Procedures**
- **Reminder - PolicyStat available on Nutrition Services' Webpage**
- **Procurement Documents Now Include Updated Non-discrimination Statement**
- **Mother's Touch Formula Advisement**
- **Virtual Instructor-Led Trainings Available - 2022**
- **Unique Entity Identifier Field Added to ATLAS**
- **CACFP Reimbursement Rates Announced for FY23**
- **Temporary Adjustments Authorized Under the Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022**
- **Infant Formula Shortage**
- **Racial and Ethnic Data Collection**
- **Further DECAL Procurement Guidance**
- **Administrative Cost Reminders for Sponsors**
- **Did you know Health Inspections are an allowable cost under CACFP?**
- **Reminder: Check your Email Messages in GA ATLAS**

You can find archived CACFP Newsletters [here](#).

## Dates to Remember

DATE:	Events
December	• Harvest of the Month: Lettuce and Citrus
December 19	• Farm to Early Care and Education Pollinator Series: Call for Stories Closes
January 3	• Tuesday Tip! Serving Meat & Meat Alternates at Breakfast Webinar
January 11	• Memo Monday!
January 31	• Growing Adventurous Eaters Webinar

## How was my Customer Service?

*Provide feedback on your experience with the Nutrition Team*



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## Join Us for a NEW DECAL Download!

*Quality Rated Tenth Anniversary Recap*

**Dr. Bentley Ponder**  
Deputy Commissioner of Quality  
Innovations and Partnerships

**Georgia Dept  
of Early Care  
and Learning**  
BRIGHT FROM THE START

The tenth anniversary celebration of Quality Rated and the class of 2012 was celebrated in various places across the state. We started at Truist Park with the Atlanta Braves, then to Dalton, Atlanta, and recently, Valdosta.

In this week's episode of DECAL Download, we look back at all the festivities with Dr. Bentley Ponder, Deputy Commissioner for Quality

Innovations and Partnerships.

Listen to the episode [here](#).



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