

MRS Database in NUTRIKIDS Webinar Questions and Answers

WEBINAR INFORMATION

1. Q: Will these webinars be available on the website for future reference?
A: Yes, both of the webinars in this series, the PowerPoint presentations, and the Mississippi Department of Education version of NUTRIKIDS will be archived on the MDE Office of Child Nutrition website (<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/OCN/OP/mrs-presentations-and-resources>)

INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE UPDATED DATABASE

1. Q: Will purchasing information (cost) be included so that we use the information in plate cost analysis?
A: No, that is information that each district can enter into their individual programs.
2. Q: How timely will all these changes be made?
A: Updates to the MDE version of NUTRIKIDS will be made quarterly.
3. Q: Is the updated MRS Database in NUTRIKIDS only ingredient updates? A: No, it is the updated ingredient and recipe information.
4. Q: Please explain the need to delete ingredients on the recipes that I am exporting.
A: To maintain a clean ingredient database that does not list duplicate ingredients for the same item.
5. Q: Do we go back and re-enter the ingredients on the recipes we save without ingredients?
A: Yes. The current items on the Mississippi State Department of Education Bid are listed in the updated 2017 MRS NUTRIKIDS database. These can be re-entered into the imported recipes.
6. Q: Can we just wipe the entire database and start over?
A: Yes. If you have not created any recipes within your district, you can import the new database, which will “wipe” your ingredient and recipe lists clean with only the updated ingredients and recipes.

If you have district created ingredients and recipes that you will be using next school year, export them and then import them back in after you have restored the updated database.
7. Q: Should I go ahead and prepare my fall 2016 menus before doing this export?
A: Go through the backup and restore process that was discussed on the webinars. When you have the 2017 MRS NUTRIKIDS database in your program, plan your fall 2017 menus. If you have already started planning your fall 2017 menus, print a hard copy so that you can re-enter them into the new database.
8. Q: Is the new database available now?
A: Yes, it is stored on this website: <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/docs/child-nutrition/mrs-database-version-17-5-1-2017.dat?sfvrsn=2>
9. Q: Some recipes, like Broccoli Florets w/Dip, has the broccoli listed in gallons in the ingredients. Can these be put in to be measured in pints like they are listed on the order guide?
A: In NUTRIKIDS, you can edit the measure of each ingredient. To do this, duplicate the recipe

and edit the measure in the “ingredients” tab.

10. Q: If I use this updated file, what is the reason I will have to re-enter in all my district recipes and edits I have made to recipes that were already in NUTRIKIDS?

A: When NUTRIKIDS is “restored” in your NUTRIKIDS program current changes are made. Future updates will only add new ingredients and recipes, as well as any corrections to previously added recipes. You will be able to keep your current menus and district recipes.

11. Q: What is the reason that there are two versions of some recipes?

A: Some of the Distributor Choice items differ between Briggs and Merchants. For those products that have different nutritional profiles, a recipe was created for each of these products.

The items that end in “.1” are recipes that include USDA Foods products.

An example is MRS item 748 Chicken Fajita Wrap:

- There are two recipes for MRS 748: one that uses the tortilla on the Briggs Order Guide and one that uses the tortilla on the Merchants Order Guide.
- There are also two recipes for MRS 748.1 because they include USDA Foods Salsa and USDA Foods Mozzarella Cheese: one that uses the tortilla on the Briggs Order Guide and one that uses the tortilla on the Merchants Order Guide.

12. Q: How would I modify a recipe to allow high school students to receive a larger portions of items?

A: You will have to use NUTRIKIDS to duplicate the recipe (which will cause it to have a new NUTRIKIDS number). We suggest that you make some change to the recipe name so that you will be able to identify it as the duplicated recipe. In the **Ingredient** tab, change the “measure” to the portion size you would like to serve. In the **Recipe** tab, change the portion size to reflect the updated amount. We also suggest that you change the information in the **Instruction** tab to update the quantity in the directions. The changes that you make may also effect crediting, so the information in the **Misc** tab may also need to be updated.

13. Q: How may I retain and/or update USDA recipes?

A: The USDA recipes are located in the “Activate/Deact” section of the Recipes main screen. They have been deactivated. You may “activate” them from that screen. The ingredients will have to be updated with Mississippi ingredients, because the ingredients that are associated with those recipes are the USDA ingredients.

14. Q: What is a good procedure for starting to work with fall 2017 menus?

A: (1) prepare the recipes for export, (2) export the recipes (3) download the most recent NUTRIKIDS Mississippi database (4) import your recipes back in (5) start planning your fall 2017 menus.

15. Q: Will I lose all the menus I've entered for this school year?

A: Yes, we recommend that you manually print out the menus. The menus can be re-entered in to your NUTRIKIDS database once you have made all of the edits you want to make.

16. Q: Should I print ALL recipes before exporting?

A: No, just print any that have been changed or added in your district.

17. Q: Is there a way we can receive a print out of this power point?
A: Yes, please visit <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/OCN/OP/mrs-presentations-and-resources> for a copy of the slides.
18. Q: Is there a printable copy of these instructions?
A: You can view the PowerPoint slides (<http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/OCN/OP/mrs-presentations-and-resources>) for instructions on the processes discussed in the webinars on.
19. Q: When entering a new recipe will the instruction tab be blocked?
A: No, the instructions are only blocked on the "locked" recipes. When you duplicate a recipe or create a new recipe, the instructions are not blocked.
20. Q: Is the exporting and importing of recipes necessary?
A: No, you would follow the exporting and importing steps if you have recipes that you created for your district and want to use them in menus for your next school year. Otherwise, just follow the directions for restoring the database.
21. Q: So do we have to go enter the sub-groups for each item on each recipes?
A: Not in the recipes that are included in the 2014 NUTRIKIDS MRS database. If you create new recipes for your district, the sub-group information will not be automatically included, so that is information you will need to enter in the **Misc** tab.

NUTRIKIDS PROGRAM

1. Q: What version of NUTRIKIDS are you using? A: 17.5
2. Q: When will the version that you're using be available?
A: It is available now through NUTRIKIDS. Call 1-800-724-9853 select option 6 and then select option 3.
3. Q: Is there any way I can get an updated version of the software. The laptop it was originally downloaded on has a virus and I am unable to use it.
A: Call NUTRIKIDS and talk with the support staff there. The phone number is 1-800-724-9853 select option 6 and then select option 3.

MISSISSIPPI RECIPES FOR SUCCESS PRINTED EDITION AND WEBSITE

1. Q: Will we get a printed Mississippi Recipes for Success (MRS) binder for each school or will we need to print it for our schools ourselves?
A: Each school site will receive a printed edition of Mississippi Recipes for Success (MRS). Each school district central office will also receive a printed copy.