



PURCHASING NOTES

Office of Child Nutrition
Division of Purchasing and
Food Distribution

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Stayin' Cool When the Heat is On

It has been a hot summer in Mississippi. As we enter the new school year, let's remember to stay cool, both physically and mentally. When issues arise, the best thing to do is take a deep breath, and communicate with those who can provide solutions. There are bound to be problems that arise from time to time. It is how we approach them and overcome them that makes us feel cool!



As we begin this school year it is important to keep a few things in the back of your mind: Food prices are still high. The crisis in Ukraine continues and is having an effect on fuel and grain prices. Diesel fuel fluctuations are a major contribution to our overall food costs. Weather has wreaked havoc on food supply chains. Last years Florida hurricanes that hit from the gulf coast have greatly diminished orange crop availabilities affecting domestic orange juice supply. Unemployment is currently at 3%. With a rate like this how can food service operations attain more workers to continue operations.

Child nutrition food service places the highest demands on all of you. Everyone wants to be as close to perfect as possible, but with numerous obstacles in your way, it is difficult to do. Before you know it, school year 2024 will be coming to an end. So when the heat is on, take a deep breath and stay cool, like this cool dude!



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On-Line Ordering

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Email incident reports to:

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New Full Line Distributor Awards

Briggs Foodservice -	Refrigerated / Frozen	Regions 1 & 2
Briggs Foodservice	Dry & Non Foods	Regions 1 & 2
Merchants Foodservice -	Refrigerated / Frozen	Regions 3 through 7
Crumbley Foodservice -	Dry & Non Foods	Regions 3 through 7

Distributors will begin servicing the new contracts 1 July, 2023.

New Produce Awards

MS Fruit & Vegetable will serve regions 3, 4, 5, and 6
Sunrise Fresh Produce serves region 7. New contracts begin 1 August 2023.



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Prairie Farms and Bordens Dairy have entered into the last year of their contract beginning 1 July 2023 through 30 June 2024. Prairie Farms will continue to service regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7. Bordens Dairy will continue to deliver to schools in region 5.

ICE CREAM

Schools will get to enjoy another year of delicious ice cream from Prairie Farms and Hershey Creamery from 1 July through June 30, 2024. Prairie Farms will continue to serve regions 1, 2, 3, and 5. Hershey Creamery will continue to serve regions 4, 6, and 7.



The Product Management Committee has been working diligently to bring some great new products for the upcoming school year. We believe the usage of these new items will be sure to increase your participation. Let's talk about What's New!



THEY'RE BACK!!! Fully Cooked Roasted Chicken Wings. (Item #1032), These fully cooked bone-in unbreaded wing portions are delicious as is or dressed up in your favorite sauce. Each serving size of 3 wings contributes 2oz. MMA. Packed in 6/5 lb. bags, this 30 lb. case contributes an average of 106/4.5 oz servings per case. Heating instructions: Convectional oven 12-15 minutes at 450 degrees Fahrenheit.



Nardone's 16" Whole Grain Meateaters Pizza (Item#1109) This 16" Whole Grain Meateaters pizza is made with fresh robust tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese, whole pepperoni slices, plenty of Canadian bacon, bacon, and sausage topping placed atop soft pizza crust. Each 5.23oz cut portion contributes 2oz. MMA, 2oz. eq. grain, and 1/8 cup of red/orange vegetable. Packed 64/5.23oz servings per case. Allergens: Milk, Wheat, may contain Soy



Guacamole PC. (Item # 1629) Frozen prepared Guacamole in sealed 2oz. portion control cups. Say goodbye to labor and waste. Simplot's Western Guacamole replaces the bulk guacamole. This PC could be served as a dip, topping, or ingredients in a sandwich, burgers, omelet, or tacos. Each 2oz. cup is perfectly portioned for grab 'n go and contributes 1/8 cup of raw other vegetable. Pack Size: 36/ 2oz. cups per case.



Kellogg's Crunchmania Bite Size French Toast Grahams. (Item # 2619) Bite size breakfast flavored French toast shaped grahams are delightfully sweet and made with whole grain. Provides 2oz. of grain eq. Packed 100/ 1.76oz per case.

Rockin'Ola Cinnamon Flavored Granola IW 1oz. (#2090) Smart Snack Compliant. Crunchy Cinnamon flavored granola clusters that is a kid friendly easy snack and is perfect to enjoy on its own or with milk as a cereal or with yogurt. Allergen Free of the "Big 8": No peanuts, tree nuts, wheat, soy, dairy, eggs, fish, or shellfish. Packed 250/1oz per case.



Rockin'Ola Chocolate Flavored Granola IW 1oz. (2091) Smart Snack Compliant. Crunchy Chocolate flavored granola clusters that is a kid friendly easy snack that is perfect to enjoy on its own or with milk as a cereal or yogurt. Allergen Free of the "Big 8": No peanuts, tree nuts, wheat, soy, dairy, eggs, fish, or shellfish. Packed 250/1oz per case.

Rockin'Ola Sunberry Trail Mix IW 2.16oz. (2092) Smart Snack compliant. Protein packed sunflower seeds and yummy dried cranberries that are both vegan, gluten, and allergen free. Packed 150/2.16oz. per case.





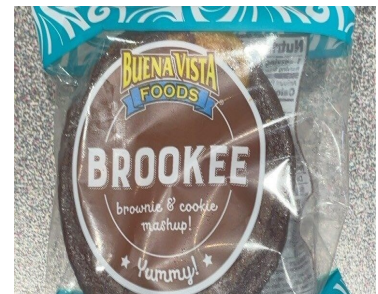
Rich's Confetti Cake Filled Cookie Baked/IW (Item #1408) A delicious confetti cake cookie dough filled with a sweet frosting center. Fully baked and individually wrapped for optimal convenience. Each cookie is smart snack compliant and 1oz. grain equiv. Packed 120 per case.



Buena Vista Whole Grain Chocolate Chip Cookie, 1.5oz., IW (Item #1420) Smart snack compliant. Each 1.5oz cookie contributes 1.0oz of creditable grains. Packed 120 per case. Serving recommendation: thaw at room temperature 2-3 hours before serving.



Buena Vista Whole Grain Red Velvet Cookie, 1.5oz, IW (Item #1424) Smart snack compliant. Each 1.5oz cookie contributes .75oz of creditable grains. Packed 120 per case. Serving recommendation: thaw at room temperature 2-3 hours before serving.



Buena Vista Whole Grain 'Brookee', 1.5oz, IW (Item #1428). Smart snack compliant. Each 1.5oz Brookee contributes 1.0oz of creditable grains. Packed 96 per case. Serving recommendation: thaw at room temperature 2-3 hours before serving.



Snackables, Chocolate Chip Cookies, WGR (Item #1430) Everyday is a good day for chocolate chip cookies. Bake Crafters Snackables Chocolate chip cookies are whole grain rich and contribute 1.0oz grain equiv. Smart snack compliant. Packed 100 per case.



Country Home BeneFit Reduced Fat 1.0oz Chocolate Chip Cookie (Item #1400) J and J . Frozen pre-portioned cookie dough . This 1oz cookie provides a .50 serving of grain and contains 51% whole grains. Smart Snack compliant. Packed 384 servings per case. Allergens: eggs, milk, wheat, soy.

Country Home BeneFit Reduced Fat 1.0oz Candy Cookie. (Item # 1405) J and J replaces the cranberry cookie. The BeneFit M & M Candy cookies are a yummy on the go snack sure to be liked by students. Each 1 oz cookie contributes a .50 serving of grain and is 51% whole grain. Smart Snack compliant. Pack Size: 384 servings per case. Allergens: eggs, milk, wheat, soy



Country Home BeneFit Reduced Fat 1.0oz Sugar Cookie (Item #1404) Replaces the Oatmeal Raisin Cookie. Ready to bake cookies made with whole wheat and enriched flour. Each 1oz cookie contains 51% whole grains and contributes .50 serving of grain. Smart Snack compliant. Packed 384 servings per case. Allergens: eggs, milk, wheat, soy

Coco Snack Bar (Item #1240) Father's Table. 1.75oz., individually wrapped, fully baked whole grain bar soft and chewy baked with cocoa and oats. This product is fully baked and does not need to be heated to serve. Smart snack compliant. Each bar contributes 1.25 servings of grain for NSLP. Packed 120 per case. Allergens: wheat, milk, soy. This item joins the existing lineup of Lemon (Line #1241) and Triple Berry (Line #1242) Bars.





Juice Alive Fruit Cup - Blue Raspberry (Item # 2452). Vitamin fortified with no sugars added. This is a shelf stable product (freeze and serve). Each 4oz. cup contributes 1/2 cup of fruit. Packed 96 servings per case. Smart Snack compliant.



Juice Alive Fruit Cup - Strawberry (Item # 2450). Vitamin fortified with no sugars added. This is a shelf stable product (freeze and serve). Each 4oz. cup contributes 1/2 cup of fruit. Packed 96 servings per case. Smart Snack Compliant.



Nippon Shokken General Tso Sauce (#2267)
Shelf stable Asian sauce with a sweet soy flavor and a slight ginger aroma. Packed 6/4.9Lb. Jugs per case.



Nippon Shokken Sweet Chilli Sauce (#2265)
Shelf stable sweet and sour sauce with a garlic and chili flavor. Packed 6/ 4.9Lb jugs per case.

- **FFAVORS** - Favors will be available beginning in October. Remember to log into your FFavors account and receipt for your produce within 3 days of delivery.
- **STORAGE FEES**—All USDA Foods receive 60 days of warehouse storage at no cost. On the 61st day the distributor may invoice your organization for 1 month of storage. The distributor may continue to charge storage on USDA foods that remain in storage every 30 days afterward i.e., 91st day, 121st day etc. Storage fees are the responsibility of the organization that caused the fee. Any storage fees assessed will not follow the USDA foods due to a transfer to another organization.
- **USDA** foods are to be used at the *maximum extent* possible. We have observed organizations submit purchase orders for the same items they had in inventory at the distributor (you guessed it, Ground Beef & Shredded Cheese), as well as not using them at all. Please use your USDA foods prior to purchasing the same item. These foods save your program dollars in food costs.
- **NEW WEBSITE** will be provide streamlined ordering and greater efficiencies to organizations as well as State agency staff. Training is on the way soon!

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PMC MEMBERS

AREA	REPRESENTATIVE	TERM
Superintendent	Billy Ellzey Pascagoula Gautier School District	July 1, 2021
Supt. Proxy	Sara Busby Pascagoula Gautier School District 228-938-6525 Sbusby@pgsd.ms	to June 30, 2024
Region 1	Alex Hallmark Desoto County Schools 662-449-7267 Alex.hallmark@dcsms.org	July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025
Region 2	Kenny Coker Itawamba County School District 662-862-2159 kcoker@itawambacountyschools.com	July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024
Region 3	Gail Hodo Humphreys County School District 662-247-6073 ggriffin@masd.k12.ms.us	July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025
Region 4	Pam Kirby Rankin County Schools 601-825-2257 pkirby@rcsd.ms	July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025
Region 5	Christell Hicks Clinton Public School District 601-924-4002 ext. 126 chicks@clintonpublicschools.com	July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026
Region 6	Sabrina Jones Laurel School District 601-649-6391 sajones@laurelschools.org	July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026
Region 7	Ashley Harris Jackson County 228-826-2133 ashley.harris@jcsd.ms	July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024
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Region 3	Myra Tims Grenada Schools 662-226-1606 mtims@grenadak12.com	JAN 1, 2022 to DEC 31, 2023
Region 4	Ginny Hill Starkville Consolidated Schools 662-615-0028 ghill@starkvillesd.com	JAN 1, 2022 to DEC 31, 2024
Region 5	VACANT	SEP 11, 2022 to DEC 31, 2024
Region 6	Elisabeth Hollinghead Greene County Schools 601-394-2364 erhollinghead@greene.k12.ms.us	JAN 1, 2021 to DEC 31, 2023
Region 7	Karen Albrecht Hancock County Schools 228-255-0376 kalbrecht@hancockschools.net	JAN 1, 2021 to DEC 31, 2023