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FARM TO CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS (CNP): INSIDE THE ISSUE

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable (FFVP) Update

October begins FFVP SY 22-23 and this year's [mandatory training](#) is now live. Claims beginning October 1, will be a part of this school year. September claims continue to follow the [SY 21-22 calendar](#) and are due November 29, 2022. Please continue to submit claims to FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov.

2022-2023 Oregon School Garden Survey

This 44-question [survey](#) should take 15-20 minutes to complete. We would like everyone to fill out this survey even if it has been completed in the past before. Even if your garden is not currently in use, we would still everyone to fill it out so we can get better data about school gardens in Oregon.



Farm to CNP Non-Competitive Reimbursement Grant

The Progress Reports for the non-competitive reimbursement grant are past due. You can link directly to the progress report or access it through the Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant web page. This progress report is mandatory and required of all sponsors that participate in the ODE Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant. You will not be able to submit future reimbursement claims or receive additional funding until this report is submitted.



Oregon Harvest for Schools

Oregon Harvest for Schools has resources for schools including, videos, free posters for order, and a directory to find locally grown and processed foods. All can be found on the [Oregon Harvest for Schools webpage](#).

Other Announcements

USDA School Food Authority Survey Announcement: Please view the announcement on page 2 for Nutrition Service Directors only.



This announcement is for Nutrition Service Directors only:

Please view the following survey request from the USDA for School Food Authorities.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is conducting a web survey of all school food authorities (SFAs) that operate the Child Nutrition Programs and needs your input. The survey seeks to collect information on the continued challenges SFAs are facing due to ongoing food and labor supply chain disruptions, as well as the ways in which the transition to standard operations is impacting student participation in nutrition programs.

Your participation is vital to providing FNS with information they need to support school districts during this difficult time. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share your experiences from this school year and communicate the specific issues you are facing in your community directly to FNS.

FNS will send you a link to complete the web survey in mid-November. The survey has a maximum of 31 questions and is estimated to take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Please complete it as soon as you are able.

If you have any questions about this survey, please email CNSurveys@usda.gov. Thank you in advance for your participation in this important effort.



Announcing the 2022-2023 Oregon School Garden Survey!

Currently Oregon has 788 school gardens! That's over half the schools in Oregon.

We last did an extensive survey starting in 2017. We spent the past couple years getting feedback of what we are missing and adding or changing the questions we had. We are ready to send out the survey, and like everything else, we had to pause while COVID ran its course, as many gardens were inactive

We now have 44 questions; it should take 15-20 minutes to complete a survey for each garden. We ask that everyone should fill out a new survey for this, even if you have filed one out in the past. It's important to fill out the survey even if your garden is in hiatus or information while our evaluation team and Oregon Farm to School & School Garden Network continue to shape out future in school gardens

Here is the link to the survey: [ODE School Garden Survey 2023](#)

CNP Grant Updates

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)

- Please continue to submit claims to FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov according to the [SY 2021-2022 FFVP timeline](#). September 2022 claims are due **Tuesday, November 29, 2022**.
- October begins FFVP SY 22-23. Claims beginning October 1, will be a part of this school year. We are still waiting on SY 22-23 funds from USDA and are unable to build subgrants in EGMS until funds are received, however, claims must still be submitted to farmtocnp@ode.oregon.gov by the monthly deadlines. Here are the [SY 2022-2023 FFVP deadlines](#).
- The [mandatory annual FFVP training](#) is now available. This training will need to be completed before submitting your first claim for the 22-23 school year.
- Any questions can be sent to us at FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov.



Noncompetitive Reimbursement Grant

- The Progress Reports for the non-competitive reimbursement grant are past due. You can link directly to the [progress report](#) or access it through the [Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant web page](#). This progress report is mandatory and required of all sponsors that participate in the ODE Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant. You will not be able to submit future reimbursement claims or receive additional funding until this report is submitted.
- The 2021-2023 claim form can be found on the [Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant webpage](#). It is the first item under the "Resources for Claims" section.
- The mandatory Training Webinar is now available on the [Reimbursement Grant webpage](#). This is a recorded webinar. Please view as your schedule allows. After viewing is complete, each grantee must fill out a [Reimbursement Grant Attestation Form](#).
- Before Farm to CNP claims can be approved, returning sponsors must complete a [Final Report](#) from last biennium and new sponsors must complete a [Baseline Report](#).



Education Grant

Awardees will be notified of their application status soon. Successful awardees must spend all of their funds by June 30, 2023. We are unable to approve any extensions.

Oregon Harvest for Schools

The Oregon Department of Education's Child Nutrition Program and OSU Extension's Food Hero campaign teamed up to launch the [Oregon Harvest for Schools video series](#) which currently includes a total of 47 videos.

The series aims to educate students on healthy, Oregon food. The list of videos available includes the following:

Apples | Asparagus | Beef | Beets | Blueberries | Broccoli | Brussels Sprouts | Cabbage | Cane Berries | Carrots | Cauliflower | Celery | Cherries | Corn | Cranberries | Cucumbers | Dry Beans | Eggs | Grapes | Kale | Kiwi | Leeks | Microgreens | Milk | Mushrooms | Onions | Parsnips | Peaches | Pears | Peas | Peppers | Potatoes | Radishes | Rhubarb | Salad Greens | Seafood | Spinach | Strawberries | String Beans | Summer Squash | Tomatoes | Turnips | Watermelon | Wheat | Winter Squash

We also have two Cultural Heritage Videos including African Heritage Flavors and Latinx Flavors.

These Oregon Harvest for Schools videos are part of [Food Hero's Cultural Toolkits](#).

The complete list of videos can be found on the [Oregon Harvest for Schools webpage](#).



Oregon Harvest for Schools posters are available free of charge to Oregon schools. The order form (which details the exact inventory of which posters are currently available) can be found on the [Oregon Harvest for Schools webpage](#).

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
2. Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
3. Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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