



*August 1-31, 2021*

## FARM TO CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS: INSIDE THE ISSUE



### Oregon Harvest for Schools

The newest videos are here! In this issue we feature String Beans in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and Sweet Peppers in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)!

### Grant Updates

It is time to complete final reports. Final reports for all grants are due **September 30, 2021**.

The new biennium (2021-2023) started July 1, 2021 and Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant award notices went out at the end of July. Keep an eye out for Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant Agreements that will be sent via email in the next few weeks. These will need to be signed and returned in order to get award funds set up in ODE's Electronic Grant Management System (EGMS).

### FFVP Update

Applications for the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) for PY 2021-2022 are now available on the [FFVP webpage](#). These funds will cover any FFVP costs participating schools incur between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. We will be accepting applications for PY 2021-2022 until **September 15, 2021**.

We have also posted an updated Q&A from USDA about Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program operations for PY 2021-2022 on the [FFVP webpage](#), along with an updated Alternate Site Waiver and Parent Pick-up Waiver.





# Our newest videos are here featuring String Beans and Sweet Peppers!

The month of August brings new additions to the Oregon Harvest for Schools (OH4S) video series; String Beans in English and Spanish and Sweet Peppers in English and Spanish!



An English language version of the [String Beans Video](#).



A Spanish language version of the [String Beans Video](#).



An English language version of the [Sweet Peppers Video](#).



A Spanish language version of the [Sweet Peppers Video](#).

The Oregon Department of Education's Child Nutrition Program and OSU Extension's Food Hero campaign have teamed up to launch this series which will include a total of 50 videos when complete. The series aims to educate students on healthy, Oregon food. For a comprehensive list of the videos we have available to date visit the [Oregon Harvest for Schools website](#) and click on the Videos tab under "Other Items."

## **Please visit the NEW & IMPROVED Oregon Harvest for Schools Directory.**

To find local vendors selling string beans, sweet peppers or any of our other fruits and vegetables, please visit the recently redesigned [Oregon Harvest for Schools Directory](#) website. It includes new search categories and many new ways to sort including producer identity, USDA meal components and availability.

Please visit the [USDA Food Buyers Guide website](#) for more information on USDA crediting for string beans and sweet peppers in Child Nutrition Program meals.





# Updates on the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable (FFVP) Program

## FFVP Applications for PY 2021-2022 Now Open!

Applications for the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) for PY 2021-2022 are now available on the [FFVP webpage](#). These funds will cover any FFVP costs participating schools incur between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022.

If you currently have a school participating in PY 2020-2021 and it is still over 50% free and reduced, no action is necessary for those particular schools as they will automatically be re-enrolled.

We will be accepting applications for PY 2021-2022 until **September 15, 2021**. Applications will be reviewed and award notifications will go out within two weeks of the application closing date. We will prioritize schools with the highest need (based on F&R%). If you would like a list of free and reduced percentages for schools in your district that are not currently enrolled in the FFVP please let me know.

### FFVP PY 2021-2022 Updates

Please visit the [FFVP website](#) for an updated Q&A from USDA about Fresh Fruit and Vegetable operations for PY 2021-2022. We have also posted an updated [Alternate Site Waiver](#) and [Parent Pick-Up Waiver](#).

There will be a mandatory annual training for FFVP that will take place before the start of the new program year. We will post details about the training on the [FFVP website](#) as they become available and will send out a listserv message with the details as well.

## FFVP Updates for PY 2020-2021

Please continue to submit claims by the following dates.

- June claims must be submitted by no later than Monday, August 30, 2021.
- July claims must be submitted by no later than Wednesday, September 29, 2021.
- August claims must be submitted by no later than Monday, November 1, 2021.
- September claims must be submitted by no later than Monday, December 29, 2021

\*Deadlines above pertain to EGMS entry, not initial claims submissions to the FFVP inbox. Please submit claims to FFVP inbox at least one business day prior to EGMS entry deadline.

You can view the full calendar of claims deadlines on the [FFVP website](#).

**REMINDER:** Please submit claims to [FarmtoCNP@ode.state.or.us](mailto:FarmtoCNP@ode.state.or.us).





## 2021-2023 Biennium Awards: Noncompetitive Reimbursement Grant

**The 2021-2023 biennium started July 1, 2021. The Legislature has approved the Farm to CNP Grant again for this biennium. Therefore, all sponsors of NSLP, CACFP and SFSP programs (with a few exceptions) will automatically be opted in for the ODE Non-Competitive Reimbursement Grant for Oregon Grown & Processed Food, also known as the 'Reimbursement Grant.'**

**Last two weeks of July** - Informal notification of awards. All programs that participate in NSLP, CACFP or SFSP (with some small exceptions) were notified that they should expect an award amount.

**TBD** - Formal announcement from ODE Procurement, including new agreement. Grant goes live as soon as Sponsor returns Agreement, retroactive to July 1, 2021.

\*The following information will be on our website with links and more details as they become available.

**8/16/21** - 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](#). Any questions can be sent to us at [FarmtoCNP@ode.state.or.us](mailto:FarmtoCNP@ode.state.or.us). We will post a Q&A after reviewing and answering all submitted questions.

**9/30/21** - [Baseline Report due](#) for new Sponsors (before first claim). [Final Report due](#) for returning Sponsors (before first claim).

**12/31/21** - DEADLINE: If Sponsor hasn't made a claim, funds will be returned to the "pot."

**9/30/22** - [Progress Report due](#).

**6/30/23** - All funds must be spent by this date.

**7/24/23** - All funds must be processed in EGMS.

**9/30/23** - Final Report Due.

**NOTE:** Once a Sponsor exhausts their Reimbursement Grant funds they will be eligible to apply for additional funding through the Competitive Reimbursement Grant. Applications projected to open December 2021.

## Farm to CNP Final Reports

Final reports for all grantees are due **September 30, 2021**.

Final reports are mandatory and required of all grantees. The report should take about 30 minutes to complete.

You can find links to the final reports below:

- Procurement Grant [Final Report Web Link](#)
- Education Grant [Final Report Web Link](#)
- Technical Assistance [Grant Final Report Web Link](#)

The Oregon State Legislature uses the information from the year-end reports to consider whether or not to fund the ODE Farm to School Grant program each biennium. Your accurate and thoughtful responses to the questions play a crucial role in that decision process, and largely determines the amount of funding, if any, that will be available to purchase Oregon foods and/or provide garden and nutrition education in the coming school years.

If you have any questions, or need to request a copy of your original application or progress report, please contact the ODE Farm to CNP team, at [FarmtoCNP@ode.state.or.us](mailto:FarmtoCNP@ode.state.or.us).



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