Signed on January 27, 2012.

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Acting Administrator Farm Service Agency, and Executive Vice President, Commodity Credit Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Summer Food Service Program; 2012 Reimbursement Rates

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the annual adjustments to the reimbursement rates for meals served in the Summer Food Service Program for Children. These adjustments address changes in the Consumer Price Index, as required under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. The 2012 reimbursement rates are presented as a combined set of rates to highlight simplified cost accounting procedures. The 2012 rates are also presented individually, as separate operating and administrative rates of reimbursement, to show the effect of the Consumer Price Index adjustment on each rate.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 1, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tina Namian, Head, CACFP and SFSP Section, Policy and Program Development Branch, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, United States Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 640, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, (703) 305–2590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.559 and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR part 3015, Subpart V, and final rule-related notice published at 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983).

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3518), no new recordkeeping or reporting requirements have been included that are subject to approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

This notice is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601–612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act. Additionally, this notice has been determined to be exempt from formal review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Definitions

The terms used in this notice have the meaning ascribed to them under 7 CFR part 225 of the Summer Food Service Program regulations.

Background

This notice informs the public of the annual adjustments to the reimbursement rates for meals served in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). In accordance with sections 12(f) (42 U.S.C. 1760(f)) and 13 (42 U.S.C. 1761) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (NSLA), and SFSP regulations in 7 CFR part 225, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announces the adjustments in SFSP payments for meals served to participating children during calendar year 2012.

The 2012 reimbursement rates are presented as a combined set of rates to highlight simplified cost accounting procedures. Reimbursement is based solely on a ''meals times rates'' calculation, without comparison to actual or budgeted costs.

Sponsors receive reimbursement that is determined by the number of reimbursable meals served multiplied by the combined rates for food service operations and administration. However, the combined rate is based on separate operating and administrative rates of reimbursement, each of which is adjusted differently for inflation.

Calculation of Rates

The combined rates are constructed from individually authorized operating and administrative reimbursements. Simplified procedures provide flexibility, enabling sponsors to manage their reimbursements to pay for any allowable cost, regardless of the cost category. Program sponsors remain responsible, however, for ensuring proper administration of the Program, while providing the best possible nutrition benefit to children.

The operating and administrative rates are calculated separately. However, the calculations of adjustments for both are based on the same set of changes in the *Food Away From Home* series of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. They represent a 2.87 percent increase in this series for the 12 month period, from November 2010 through November 2011 (from 227.512 in November 2010 to 234.046 in November 2011).

Table of 2012 Reimbursement Rates

Presentation of the 2012 maximum per meal rates for meals served to children in SFSP combines the results from the calculations of operational and administrative payments, which are further explained in this notice. The total amount of payments to State agencies for disbursement to SFSP sponsors will be based upon these adjusted combined rates and the number of meals of each type served. These adjusted rates will be in effect from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

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[2012 Reimbursement rates (combined)]

Per meal rates in whole or fractions of U.S. dollars	All states except Alaska and Hawaii		Alaska		Hawaii	
	Rural or self-prep sites	All other types of sites	Rural or self-prep sites	All other types of sites	Rural or self-prep sites	All other types of sites
Breakfast	1.9350	1.8975	3.1325	3.0725	2.2650	2.2225
Lunch or Supper	3.3800	3.3250	5.4900	5.4000	3.9650	3.9000
Snack	0.7975	0.7800	1.3000	1.2725	0.9325	0.9100

Operating Rates

The portion of the SFSP rates for operating costs is based on payment amounts set in section 13(b)(1) of the NSLA (42 U.S.C. 1761(b)(1)). They are rounded down to the nearest whole cent, as required by section 11(a)(3)(B) of the NSLA (42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(3)(B)).

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[Operating component of 2012 reimbursement rates]

Operating rates in U.S. dollars, rounded down to the nearest whole cent	All states except Alaska and Hawaii	Alaska	Hawaii
Breakfast	1.76	2.85	2.06
Lunch or Supper	3.06	4.97	3.59
Snack	0.71	1.16	0.83

Administrative Rates

The administrative cost component of the reimbursement is authorized under section 13(b)(3) of the NSLA (42 U.S.C. 1761(b)(3)). Rates are higher for sponsors of sites located in rural areas and for ''self-prep'' sponsors that prepare their own meals, at the SFSP site or at a central facility, instead of purchasing them from vendors. The administrative portion of SFSP rates are adjusted, either up or down, to the nearest quarter-cent.

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[Administrative component of 2012 reimbursement rates]

Administrative rates in U.S. dollars, adjusted, up or down, to the nearest quarter-cent	All states except Alaska and Hawaii		Alaska		Hawaii	
	Rural or self-prep sites	All other types of sites	Rural or self-prep sites	All other types of sites	Rural or self-prep sites	All other types of sites
Breakfast	0.1750	0.1375	0.2825	0.2225	0.2050	0.1625
Lunch or Supper	0.3200	0.2650	0.5200	0.4300	0.3750	0.3100
Snack	0.0875	0.0700	0.1400	0.1125	0.1025	0.0800

Authority: Sections 9, 13, and 14, Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758, 1761, and 1762a, respectively).

Dated: January 24, 2012.

Audrey Rowe,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Rural Utilities Service

Notice of Contract Proposals (NOCP) for Payments to Eligible Advanced Biofuel Producers

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service and Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Notice of Contract Proposals announces the availability of up to $25 million to make payments to advanced biofuel producers for the production of eligible advanced biofuels in Fiscal Year 2012. The 2008 Farm Bill provided $105 million in mandatory funding to support payments for advanced biofuels. The fiscal year 2012 Appropriations Act imposes a limitation of $65 million that can be used for these activities in 2012. Approximately $40 million will be used to pay producers for Fiscal Year 2011 fourth quarter and incremental payments.

DATES: Applications for participating in the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program for Fiscal Year 2012 were accepted from October 1, 2011, through October 31, 2011 in accordance with 7 CFR part 4288, subpart B, section 4288.120(b). Applications received after October 31, 2011, regardless of their postmark, will not be considered for Fiscal Year 2012 funds.

ADDRESSES: See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for addresses concerning applications for the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program for Fiscal Year 2012 funds.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the Fiscal Year 2012 applications and for Advanced Biofuel Payment Program assistance, please contact a USDA Rural Development Energy Coordinator, as provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this Notice, or Diane Berger, USDA Rural Development, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 6865, STOP 3225, Washington, DC 20250. Telephone: (202) 260–1508. Fax: (202) 720–2213. Email: *diane.berger@wdc.usda.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Fiscal Year 2012 Applications for the Advanced Biofuel Payment Program

An applicant (unless the applicant is an individual) must have a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number, which can be obtained at no cost via a toll-free request line at 1–(866) 705–5711 or online at *http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform.* Complete applications were submitted to the Rural Development State Office in the State in which the applicant's principal place of business is located.

Universal Identifier and Central Contract Registration (CCR)

Unless exempt under 2 CFR 25.110, the applicant must:

(a) Be registered in the CCR prior to submitting an application or plan;

(b) Maintain an active CCR registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal award or an application or plan under consideration by the Agency; and