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ACDA Website Updated

Check out the recently-updated information at www.commodityfoods.org

2004 ANC Planning Meeting

Your 2004 ANC Committee will meet on September 24 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina—the site of our 2004 conference. The committee will plan the conference agenda and related activities using your responses to the member survey recently distributed to all members and 2003 ANC evaluation forms. Suggestions for speakers, content, or activities should be submitted as soon as possible to Gail Lynn at glynn@mde.k12.ms.us

2004 ACDA ANC
March 13 – 17, 2004
Radisson Plaza Hotel
2101 N. Oak Street
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
843-918-5000
www.radisson.com/myrtlebeachsc

USDA To Approve Nonfat Dry Milk (NFD Milk) End Product Data Schedules (EPDSs)

USDA agreed to approve all EPDSs utilizing NFD milk. There was much confusion regarding proper completion and calculation of EPDSs using NFD milk, allowable substitutions, drawdowns, etc. One approval source seemed to be the answer and USDA began immediately with this new approval method. Additional information can be found by accessing the "Nonfat Dry Milk Guidance web page" in the State Processing section at USDA's website at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/whatsnew/new.htm>

Legislative Update

In early September, Congress returned from a month-long recess. With Congress expected to adjourn for the year in late October, there is some speculation that Child Nutrition reauthorization legislation may not pass this year. At this point, however, it is premature to say for sure that reauthorization will not be completed this year. Just before the recess, Senators Elizabeth Dole (R-NC) and Pat Roberts (R-KS) introduced legislation to phase out reduced price lunches and breakfasts (S. 1549). The legislation would gradually increase the "free" meals income guideline (130% of poverty) until it reached the maximum for reduced price meals (185% of poverty). The House Committee on Education and the Workforce is planning to hold two additional hearings to discuss child nutrition reauthorization issues. One hearing will focus on issues of concern to agricultural producers and the other on the topic of obesity concerns as they relate to children. While these hearings have not been announced officially, they are likely to be in late September or early October.

Special Detail for Suzanne Rigby

At the request of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, Suzanne Rigby was detailed September 1 to work on a project to look at bio-security vulnerabilities of certain commodities in NSLP. The project includes building some mitigation for those areas where vulnerabilities are known to be already such as a rapid alert system from the federal level to the school district level. For the first 60 days of Suzanne's detail (which is set through January 31, 2004), Brenda Halbrook is Acting Branch Chief. Brenda is the agency's Food Safety Coordinator and can be reached at 703-305-2608 or by e-mail at brenda.halbrook@fns.usda.gov

ACDA Processing Committee Annual Meeting

ACDA's Processing Committee will hold its annual meeting the week of November 10 in Alexandria, Virginia. Individual member input and presentations were solicited via a Notice to Membership that was e-mailed to all members on August 28. The purpose of the annual Processing Committee meeting is to bring committee members face to face to discuss complexities and challenges of program operation, to develop forms and instructions for submission of end products as well as reporting formats, to update contract language, and to work toward an accountable, efficient program.

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