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June Update

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Happy June! Here are a few updates.

Online registration is now available for both back-to-school **Administrative Workshops** and the **SMI Food Based Menu Planning and Production Records** classes. Go to www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, 5-Star Training System.

The **Income Eligibility Guidelines** chart for 2008-09 has been revised to include the conversion factors for annualizing household income. If you printed the previous version of this chart, please discard it and use the current version. This year's chart provides eligibility guidelines for income received weekly, every two weeks, twice a month, monthly and annually.

- If the household reports the same frequency for each source of income, total the income and refer to the column on the chart for the applicable income frequency (i.e. weekly, monthly, etc.).
- If the household reports multiple income frequencies, annualize all income using the conversion factors, total the income and refer to the "Annual" income column.

As you already know, KSDE is developing a new automated **Direct Certification** process. This process will be used to certify free meal eligibility for those students who receive Food Stamps or Temporary Assistance for Families. The first step in using the new process is for the Authorized Representative to complete KSDE User Registration. Please register at your earliest convenience using the instructions in the Quick Reference provided at www.kn-eat.org, School Nutrition Programs, Forms & Instructions.

In late May, guidance was posted on how to apply for the new **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program** (FFVP). A couple of days later, I received notice from USDA that the recently passed Farm Bill includes additional money for the FFVP, but also some new limitations on schools that may participate. The FFVP will now be available to only elementary schools that have 50 percent or more of students eligible for reduced price or free school meals. The good news is that Kansas will receive funds for approximately 40 schools, rather than 25 as was previously announced. The FFVP materials on our website will not be revised until we receive further clarification/guidance from USDA.

The **Spanish translations** for the letter, instructions and application for reduced price/free school meals are not yet available. However, we expect to have these documents ready to post on the website by the end of next week.

Best wishes for a great summer!

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