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Mid-July Update

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I hope you're enjoying summer and beating the heat! Here are a few updates.

Child Nutrition & Wellness is again offering **Jump Start, orientation classes for school nutrition managers and directors**. Both of these classes will be held in Salina on August 26-27. The classes provide an overview of Child Nutrition Program requirements plus valuable tips, guidance and ideas. To learn more and access the registration form, go to www.kn-eat.org, What's New. Registrations must be received by August 20.

In past messages, I've shared information about USDA's new **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program**. The FFVP is available to only elementary schools that have 50 percent or more of students eligible for reduced price or free school meals. Kansas will receive funds for approximately 40 schools, rather than 25 as was originally announced. We have room for a few more schools in the FFVP, so the deadline for applications is being extended until Friday, August 15. For more information and the application forms, go to www.kn-eat.org, What's New.

Administrative Workshops began this week and will continue through August 8. If you haven't already done so, be sure to register as soon as possible so that adequate materials are available at each location.

We're hearing very positive reports from many of you who have begun using the new **Direct Certification** process. Early next week, we will mail approximately 35,000 letters to households receiving Food Stamps and/or Temporary Assistance to Families. We are printing these letters as a safety net, but strongly encourage you to use the online process.

The fall schedule of **Food Safety Basics** classes will be announced in early August. Employees' food safety training records were to be updated in KN-CLAIM by July 15. Please check to see if any employees are in "past due" status and if so make plans to enroll them in a fall class.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact me or your area consultant.

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