

donated foods, or cash in lieu thereof, per lunch under the NSLP (7 CFR part 210) and per lunch and supper under the CACFP (7 CFR part 226) shall be 20.75 cents for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

The Price Index is computed using five major food components in the Bureau of Labor Statistics Producer Price Index (cereal and bakery products; meats, poultry and fish; dairy products; processed fruits and vegetables; and fats and oils). Each component is weighted using the relative weight as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The value of food assistance is adjusted each July 1 by the annual percentage change in a three-month average value of the Price Index for March, April and May each year. The three-month average of the Price Index increased by 10.8 percent from 164.34 for March, April and May of 2007, as previously published in the **Federal Register**, to 182.01 for the same three months in 2008. When computed on the basis of unrounded data and rounded to the nearest one-quarter cent, the resulting national average for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 will be 20.75 cents per meal. This is an increase of 2 cents from the school year 2008 (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008) rate.

Authority: Sections 6(c)(1)(A) and (B), 6(e)(1), and 17(h)(1)(B) of the National School Lunch Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1755(c)(1)(A) and (B) and (e)(1), and 1766(h)(1)(B)).

Dated: July 1, 2008.

Roberto Salazar,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

National School Lunch, Special Milk, and School Breakfast Programs, National Average Payments/Maximum Reimbursement Rates

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice announces the annual adjustments to the “national average payments,” the amount of money the Federal Government provides States for lunches, afterschool snacks and breakfasts served to children participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs; to the “maximum reimbursement rates,” the maximum per lunch rate from

Federal funds that a State can provide a school food authority for lunches served to children participating in the National School Lunch Program; and to the rate of reimbursement for a half-pint of milk served to non-needy children in a school or institution which participates in the Special Milk Program for Children. The payments and rates are prescribed on an annual basis each July. The annual payments and rates adjustments for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs reflect changes in the Food Away From Home series of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. The annual rate adjustment for the Special Milk Program reflects changes in the Producer Price Index for Fluid Milk Products.

DATES: These rates are effective from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William Wagoner, Section Chief, School Programs Section, Policy and Program Development Branch, Child Nutrition Division, Food and Nutrition Service, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 640, Alexandria, VA 22302 or phone (703) 305-2590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Special Milk Program for Children—Pursuant to section 3 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, (42 U.S.C. 1772), the Department announces the rate of reimbursement for a half-pint of milk served to non-needy children in a school or institution that participates in the Special Milk Program for Children. This rate is adjusted annually to reflect changes in the Producer Price Index for Fluid Milk Products, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor.

For the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, the rate of reimbursement for a half-pint of milk served to a non-needy child in a school or institution which participates in the Special Milk Program is 18.25 cents. This reflects an increase of 7.42 percent in the Producer Price Index for Fluid Milk Products from May 2007 to May 2008 (from a level of 185.9 in May 2007 as previously published in the **Federal Register** to 199.7 in May 2008).

As a reminder, schools or institutions with pricing programs that elect to serve milk free to eligible children continue to receive the average cost of a half-pint of milk (the total cost of all milk purchased during the claim period divided by the total number of purchased half-pints) for each half-pint served to an eligible child.

National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs—Pursuant to sections 11 and 17A of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, (42 U.S.C. 1759a and 1766a), and section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773), the Department annually announces the adjustments to the National Average Payment Factors and to the maximum Federal reimbursement rates for lunches and afterschool snacks served to children participating in the National School Lunch Program and breakfasts served to children participating in the School Breakfast Program. Adjustments are prescribed each July 1, based on 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 Department of Labor. The changes in the national average payment rates for schools and residential child care institutions for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 reflect a 4.272 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers during the 12-month period May 2007 to May 2008 (from a level of 205.2 in May 2007 as previously published in the **Federal Register** to 213.967 in May 2008). Adjustments to the national average payment rates for all lunches served under the National School Lunch Program, breakfasts served under the School Breakfast Program, and afterschool snacks served under the National School Lunch Program are rounded down to the nearest whole cent.

Lunch Payment Levels—Section 4 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1753) provides general cash for food assistance payments to States to assist schools in purchasing food. The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act provides two different section 4 payment levels for lunches served under the National School Lunch Program. The lower payment level applies to lunches served by school food authorities in which less than 60 percent of the lunches served in the school lunch program during the second preceding school year were served free or at a reduced price. The higher payment level applies to lunches served by school food authorities in which 60 percent or more of the lunches served during the second preceding school year were served free or at a reduced price.

To supplement these section 4 payments, section 11 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759(a)) provides special cash assistance payments to aid schools in providing free and reduced price lunches. The section 11 National

Average Payment Factor for each reduced price lunch served is set at 40 cents less than the factor for each free lunch.

As authorized under sections 8 and 11 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1757 and 1759a), maximum reimbursement rates for each type of lunch are prescribed by the Department in this Notice. These maximum rates are to ensure equitable disbursement of Federal funds to school food authorities.

Afterschool Snack Payments in Afterschool Care Programs—Section 17A of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766a) establishes National Average Payments for free, reduced price and paid afterschool snacks as part of the National School Lunch Program.

Breakfast Payment Factors—Section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773) establishes National Average Payment Factors for free, reduced price and paid breakfasts served under the School Breakfast Program and additional payments for free and reduced price breakfasts served in schools determined to be in “severe need” because they serve a high percentage of needy children.

Revised Payments

The following specific section 4, section 11 and section 17A National Average Payment Factors and maximum reimbursement rates for lunch, the afterschool snack rates, and the breakfast rates are in effect from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Due to a higher cost of living, the average payments and maximum reimbursements for Alaska and Hawaii are higher than those for all other States.

The District of Columbia, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Guam use the figures specified for the contiguous States.

National School Lunch Program Payments

Section 4 National Average Payment Factors—In school food authorities which served less than 60 percent free and reduced price lunches in School Year 2006–07, the payments for meals served are: *Contiguous States*—paid rate—24 cents, free and reduced price rate—24 cents, maximum rate—32 cents; *Alaska*—paid rate—40 cents, free and reduced price rate—40 cents, maximum rate—50 cents; *Hawaii*—paid rate—29 cents, free and reduced price rate—29 cents, maximum rate—37 cents.

In school food authorities which served 60 percent or more free and reduced price lunches in School Year 2006–07, payments are: *Contiguous States*—paid rate—26 cents, free and reduced price rate—26 cents, maximum rate—32 cents; *Alaska*—paid rate—42 cents, free and reduced price rate—42 cents, maximum rate—50 cents; *Hawaii*—paid rate—31 cents, free and reduced price rate—31 cents, maximum rate—37 cents.

Section 11 National Average Payment Factors—Contiguous States—free lunch—233 cents, reduced price lunch—193 cents; *Alaska*—free lunch—378 cents, reduced price lunch—338 cents; *Hawaii*—free lunch—273 cents, reduced price lunch—233 cents.

Afterschool Snacks in Afterschool Care Programs—The payments are: *Contiguous States*—free snack—71 cents, reduced price snack—35 cents, paid snack—06 cents; *Alaska*—free snack—115 cents, reduced price

snack—57 cents, paid snack—10 cents; *Hawaii*—free snack—83 cents, reduced price snack—41 cents, paid snack—07 cents.

School Breakfast Program Payments

For schools “not in severe need” the payments are: *Contiguous States*—free breakfast—140 cents, reduced price breakfast—110 cents, paid breakfast—25 cents; *Alaska*—free breakfast—224 cents, reduced price breakfast—194 cents, paid breakfast—37 cents; *Hawaii*—free breakfast—163 cents, reduced price breakfast—133 cents, paid breakfast—28 cents.

For schools in “severe need” the payments are: *Contiguous States*—free breakfast—168 cents, reduced price breakfast—138 cents, paid breakfast—25 cents; *Alaska*—free breakfast—268 cents, reduced price breakfast—238 cents, paid breakfast—37 cents; *Hawaii*—free breakfast—195 cents, reduced price breakfast—165 cents, paid breakfast—28 cents.

Payment Chart

The following chart illustrates the lunch National Average Payment Factors with the sections 4 and 11 already combined to indicate the per lunch amount; the maximum lunch reimbursement rates; the reimbursement rates for afterschool snacks served in afterschool care programs; the breakfast National Average Payment Factors including “severe need” schools; and the milk reimbursement rate. All amounts are expressed in dollars or fractions thereof. The payment factors and reimbursement rates used for the District of Columbia, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Guam are those specified for the contiguous States.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS—MEAL, SNACK AND MILK PAYMENTS TO STATES AND SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITIES

[Expressed in dollars or fractions thereof]
[Effective from July 1, 2008–June 30, 2009]

National school lunch program *		Less than 60%	60% or more	Maximum rate
Contiguous States	Paid	0.24	0.26	0.32
	Reduced price	2.17	2.19	2.34
	Free	2.57	2.59	2.74
Alaska	Paid	0.40	0.42	0.50
	Reduced price	3.78	3.80	4.02
	Free	4.18	4.20	4.42
Hawaii	Paid	0.29	0.31	0.37
	Reduced price	2.62	2.64	2.80
	Free	3.02	3.04	3.20
School breakfast program		Non-severe need	Severe need	
Contiguous States	Paid	0.25	0.25	
	Reduced price	1.10	1.38	
	Free	1.40	1.68	
Alaska	Paid	0.37	0.37	
	Reduced price	1.94	2.38	
	Free	2.24	2.68	

Hawaii	Paid	0.28	0.28
	Reduced price	1.33	1.65
	Free	1.63	1.95
Special milk program		All milk	Paid milk
Pricing programs without free option		0.1825	N/A
Pricing programs with free option		N/A	0.1825
Nonpricing programs		0.1825	N/A

Afterschool snacks served in afterschool care programs

Contiguous States	Paid	0.06
	Reduced price	0.35
	Free	0.71
Alaska	Paid	0.10
	Reduced price	0.57
	Free	1.15
Hawaii	Paid	0.07
	Reduced price	0.41
	Free	0.83

* Payment listed for Free and Reduced Price Lunches include both section 4 and section 11 funds.
 † Average Cost per 1/2 Pint of Milk.

This action 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.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507), no new recordkeeping or reporting requirements have been included that are subject to approval from the Office of Management and Budget.

This notice has been determined to be not significant and was reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget in conformance with Executive Order 12866.

National School Lunch, School Breakfast and Special Milk Programs are listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.555, No. 10.553 and No. 10.556, respectively, and are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials. (See 7 CFR Part 3015, Subpart V, and the final rule related notice published at 48 FR 29114, June 24, 1983.)

Authority: Sections 4, 8, 11 and 17A of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 1753, 1757, 1759a, 1766a) and sections 3 and 4(b) of the Child Nutrition Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 1772 and 42 U.S.C. 1773(b)).

Dated: July 1, 2008.

Roberto Salazar,
 Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Request for Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces our intention to request a revision of a currently approved information collection in support of the reporting and recordkeeping requirements under the Packers and Stockyards Act. This approval is required under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by September 5, 2008.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this notice. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-Mail:* Send comments via electronic mail to comments.gipsa@usda.gov.
- *Mail:* Send hard copy written comments to Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1633–S, Washington, DC 20250–3604.
- *Fax:* Send comments by facsimile transmission to: (202) 690–2173.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Deliver comments to: Tess Butler, GIPSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 1643–S, Washington, DC 20250–3604.

Instructions: All comments should make reference to the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Background Documents: Information collection package and other documents

relating to this action will be available for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours. Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Tess Butler; see **ADDRESSES** section for contact information.

Read Comments: All comments will be available for public inspection in the above office during regular business hours (7 CFR 1.27(b)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding the information collection activities and the use of the information, contact Catherine Grasso at (202) 720–7201 or Catherine.M.Grasso@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) administers and enforces the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, as amended and supplemented (7 U.S.C. 181–229) (P&S Act). The P&S Act prohibits unfair, deceptive, and fraudulent practices by livestock market agencies, dealers, stockyard owners, meat packers, swine contractors, and live poultry dealers in the livestock, poultry, and meatpacking industries.

Title: Packers and Stockyards Program Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements.

OMB Number: 0580–0015.

Expiration Date of Approval: February 28, 2011.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The P&S Act and the regulations under the P&S Act authorize the collection of information for the purpose of enforcing the P&S Act and regulations and to conduct studies as requested by Congress. The information is needed for GIPSA to carry out its