

Falls, Wisconsin. The committee is meeting as authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Pub. L. 110-343) and in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose is to hold the first meeting of the newly formed committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 11, 2010, and will begin at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Forest Service Park Falls Office, Large Conference Room, 1170 4th Ave., South, Park Falls, WI. Written comments should be sent to Sarah Yoshikane, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, P.O. Box 578, 113 East Bayfield St., Washburn, WI 54891. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to syoshikane@fs.fed.us, or via facsimile to 715-373-2878.

All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, 113 East Bayfield St., Washburn, WI 54891. Visitors are encouraged to call ahead to 715-373-2667 to facilitate entry into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Yoshikane, RAC coordinator, USDA, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, 113 East Bayfield St., Washburn, WI 54891; (715) 373-2667; E-mail syoshikane@fs.fed.us.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The following business will be conducted: (1) Introductions of all committee members, replacement members and Forest Service personnel; (2) Receive materials explaining the process for considering and recommending Title II projects; (3) Selection of a chairperson by the committee members; and (4) Public Comment. Persons who wish to bring related matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting.

Dated: July 7, 2010.

Paul I.V. Strong,
Forest Supervisor.

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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, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

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, as amended (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, 2010 through June 30, 2011, 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 17.75 cents. This reflects an increase of 10.55 percent in the Producer Price Index for Fluid Milk Products from May 2009 to May 2010 (from a level of 174.4 in May 2009 as previously published in the **Federal Register** to 192.8 in May 2010).

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, 2010 through June 30, 2011 reflect a 1.14 percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers during the 12-month period May 2009 to May 2010 (from a level of 223.023 in May 2009 as previously published in the **Federal Register** to 225.573 in May 2010). 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, 2010 through June 30, 2011. 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 2008–09, the payments for meals served are: *Contiguous States*—paid rate—26 cents, free and reduced price rate—26 cents, maximum rate—34 cents; *Alaska*—paid rate—42 cents, free and reduced price rate—42 cents, maximum rate—53 cents; *Hawaii*—paid rate—30 cents, free and reduced price rate—30 cents, maximum rate—39 cents.

In school food authorities which served 60 percent or more free and reduced price lunches in School Year 2008–09, payments are: *Contiguous States*—paid rate—28 cents, free and reduced price rate—28 cents, maximum rate—34 cents; *Alaska*—paid rate—44 cents, free and reduced price rate—44 cents, maximum rate—53 cents; *Hawaii*—paid rate—32 cents, free and reduced price rate—32 cents, maximum rate—39 cents.

Section 11 National Average Payment Factors—*Contiguous States*—free lunch—246 cents, reduced price lunch—206 cents; *Alaska*—free lunch—399 cents, reduced price lunch—359 cents; *Hawaii*—free lunch—288 cents, reduced price lunch—248 cents.

Afterschool Snacks in Afterschool Care Programs—The payments are: *Contiguous States*—free snack—74 cents, reduced price snack—37 cents, paid snack—06 cents; *Alaska*—free snack—121 cents, reduced price snack—60 cents, paid snack—11 cents; *Hawaii*—free snack—87 cents, reduced price snack—43 cents, paid snack—08 cents.

School Breakfast Program Payments

For schools “not in severe need” the payments are: *Contiguous States*—free breakfast—148 cents, reduced price breakfast—118 cents, paid breakfast—26 cents; *Alaska*—free breakfast—236 cents, reduced price breakfast—206 cents, paid breakfast—39 cents; *Hawaii*—free breakfast—172 cents, reduced price breakfast—142 cents, paid breakfast—30 cents.

For schools in “severe need” the payments are: *Contiguous States*—free breakfast—176 cents, reduced price breakfast—146 cents, paid breakfast—26 cents; *Alaska*—free breakfast—282 cents, reduced price breakfast—252 cents, paid breakfast—39 cents; *Hawaii*—free breakfast—205 cents, reduced price breakfast—175 cents, paid breakfast—30 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, 2010–June 30, 2011]

National school lunch program*	Less than 60%	60% or more	Maximum rate
Contiguous States:			
Paid	0.26	0.28	0.34
Reduced price	2.32	2.34	2.49
Free	2.72	2.74	2.89
Alaska:			
Paid	0.42	0.44	0.53
Reduced price	4.01	4.03	4.26
Free	4.41	4.43	4.66
Hawaii:			
Paid	0.30	0.32	0.39

SCHOOL PROGRAMS—MEAL, SNACK AND MILK PAYMENTS TO STATES AND SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITIES—Continued
 [Expressed in dollars or fractions thereof]
 [Effective from July 1, 2010–June 30, 2011]

National school lunch program*	Less than 60%	60% or more	Maximum rate
Reduced price	2.78	2.80	2.97
Free	3.18	3.20	3.37
School breakfast program		Non-Severe need	Severe need
Contiguous States:			
Paid		0.26	0.26
Reduced price		1.18	1.46
Free		1.48	1.76
Alaska:			
Paid		0.39	0.39
Reduced price		2.06	2.52
Free		2.36	2.82
Hawaii:			
Paid		0.30	0.30
Reduced price		1.42	1.75
Free		1.72	2.05
Special milk program	All milk	Paid milk	Free milk
Pricing programs without free option	0.1775	N/A	N/A.
Pricing programs with free option	N/A	0.1775	Average cost per 1/2 pint of milk.
Nonpricing programs	0.1775	N/A	N/A.
Afterschool snacks served in afterschool care programs			
Contiguous States:			
Paid			0.06
Reduced price			0.37
Free			0.74
Alaska:			
Paid			0.11
Reduced price			0.60
Free			1.21
Hawaii:			
Paid			0.08
Reduced price			0.43
Free			0.87

* Payment listed for Free and Reduced Price Lunches include both section 4 and section 11 funds.

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)).

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Julia Paradis,
Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS-2008-0098]

Solicitation of Letters of Interest to Participate in Biotechnology Quality Management System Program

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is soliciting letters of interest to participate in the APHIS Biotechnology Quality Management System Program. The Biotechnology Quality Management System Program is a voluntary