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Subject: Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program (Summer EBT) in New Jersey

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 included authorization for a new, permanent, nationwide program called Summer EBT (S-EBT) that seeks to address food insecurity by providing grocery-buying benefits to low-income families with school-aged children during the summer months.

The New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) has been designated as the lead agency for Summer EBT, and we are looking forward to implementation starting in Summer 2024. The NJDA Division of Food and Nutrition is working in collaboration with the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Department of Education (DOE), and the Office of the Food Security Advocate (OFSA) on this groundbreaking initiative.

SFA support and involvement is critical to the success of the program. Encouraging families to complete free and reduced-price school meal applications, along with ensuring information accuracy, are very important to Summer EBT. Training and guidance is forthcoming. In the meantime, please refer to the [USDA Summer EBT](https://fns.usda.gov/sebt) website at: [fns.usda.gov/sebt](https://fns.usda.gov/sebt) for additional information. We look forward to collaborating with our participating districts and schools to provide valuable assistance to food insecure families when school is out for the summer.

Thank you for your dedication in providing nutritious meals to children.