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Memorandum

TO:

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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

FNS Releases First Mobile App with Food Buying Guide, Takes Leap Forward in

Customer Service

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has announced its first ever mobile application, putting critical information at the fingertips of food service professionals and making it easier for them to serve wholesome, nutritious, and tasty meals through FNS's child nutrition programs.

The Food Buying Guide (FBG) Mobile App assists Child Nutrition Program operators, food manufacturers, and other stakeholders with purchasing the correct amounts of foods for Child Nutrition meal programs and determining the contribution that each food makes toward meal pattern requirements. This innovation will improve the delivery and efficiency of North Carolina child nutrition programs and our ongoing commitment to customer service and program integrity.

The FBG is the essential resource for food yield information for all Child Nutrition Programs. The FBG Mobile App includes many time-saving features for users such as:

- Easy search and navigation of food yields for over 2,100 foods
- Food yield comparisons to determine the best food to purchase
- Create favorite foods lists
- Email and print search results, comparisons, and favorites

To download FBG Mobile App go to https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-for-childnutrition-programs