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**To:** School Nutrition Directors

**From:** Gary W. Gay  
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**Date:** January 13, 2020

**Subject:** NCDA Best Practice Awards 2020

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Food Distribution Division is pleased to announce the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual NCDA&CS Best Practice Awards in the North Carolina National School Lunch and Farm to School Programs. The purpose of these awards is to recognize and encourage excellence in promoting the use of USDA foods in nutrition programs in our public schools throughout the state.

This year, NCDA&CS FDD will present two awards for best practices, including promotion and use of USDA Foods in your School Breakfast and Lunch Programs as well as the NC Farm to School Program. The following are general guidelines for each award. Please see Attachments A and B for details and the nomination entry form for each category:

- **Best Practice Award for New and Innovative Use of USDA Foods** – Please share with us what outstanding effort and successes your schools had in promoting and using USDA Foods in your School Breakfast and Lunch Programs during the 2018-19 school year.
- **Best Practice Award for New and Innovative Use of Farm to School Program** – Please let us know how your schools were innovative in promoting and using NC Farm to School produce in school meals during the 2018-19 school year.
- There are no limitations to the number of entries per category.
- Each nomination of new and innovative practice must have taken place during the 2018-19 school year.
- We want to help tell your story. Please include details, supporting data and photos along with sharing the impact the practice has had on your school breakfast and lunch programs.

All entries must be received in our office by April 6, 2020 via email to Vicky Cox at [vicky.cox@ncagr.gov](mailto:vicky.cox@ncagr.gov) or by mailing your entry to Food Distribution at the address provided in the attachments. A panel for each of the awards will judge nominees and the winners will be revealed during the annual SNA-NC Conference in Greensboro in June.

We are excited to learn of all the creative ways you take nutrition education to another level and are eager to share your successes with others. We appreciate all that you do to serve the children of North Carolina and look forward to hearing from you. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Vicky Cox at [vicky.cox@ncagr.gov](mailto:vicky.cox@ncagr.gov).

Attachments

NCDA&CS Food Distribution  
Best Practice Award for New and Innovative use of USDA Foods  
2020

Nomination Entry Form for School Year 2018-2019

School Name

Date

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Contact Name and Title

District Superintendent

E-Mail Address

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Fax Number

1. Description of Practice

Tell us what you did to promote and use USDA Foods in your School Breakfast and Lunch Program

## 2. Impact of Practice

Tell us the impact this practice has had on your Breakfast and Lunch Programs

## 3. Promotion of Practice

Include photos and all promotional items that have been developed for the initiative, such as coloring books, posters, materials/brochures and videos.

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This New and Innovative Practice must have taken place during the 2018-2019 School Year

Please return your nomination form via email to Vicky Cox no later than April 6, 2020

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Best Practice Award for New and Innovative Use of Farm to School Program  
2020

Nomination Entry Form for School Year 2018-2019

School Name

Date

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Contact Name and Title

District Superintendent

E-Mail Address

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Fax Number

1. Description of Practice

Tell us what you did to promote and use Farm to School produce in your school.

## 2. Impact of Practice

Tell us the impact this practice has had on your school.

## 3. Promotion of Practice

Include photos and all promotional items that have been developed for the initiative, such as coloring books, posters, materials/brochures and videos.

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