



SUMMER

North Carolina CACFP Seasonal Menus

Summer---Week 1	Monday Date:	Tuesday Date:	Wednesday Date:	Thursday Date:	Friday Date:
Breakfast Meal Pattern					
Vegetable or Fruit	Blueberries ^{NC}	Pear slices ^{NC}	Strawberries ^{NC}	Diced Peaches ^{NC}	Apple Slices ^{NC}
Vegetable					
Meat or Meat Alternative (optional)			Yogurt ¹	Scrambled Eggs ¹	Peanut Butter (or other nut/seed butter) ¹
Grains/Bread	Cinnamon Oatmeal	Whole Grain Waffle	Cheerios®	Enriched Grain Grits	Whole Grain Toast
Milk, fluid	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²
Other Foods (optional)		Syrup			
Lunch or Supper Meal Pattern					
Vegetable or Fruit	Nectarines ^{NC}	Sliced Grapes ^{NC}	Cantaloupe ^{NC}	Watermelon ^{NC}	Plums ^{NC}
Vegetable	Tomatoes ^{NC} and Romaine	Mashed Sweet Potatoes ^{NC}	Spinach and Cherry Tomato ^{NC} Salad	Red, Green & Yellow Pepper Platter ^{NC}	Carrot Sticks ^{NC}
Meat or Meat Alternative	Bean Tacos	Baked Sweet and Sassy Chicken	Meaty Lasagna (Lean Ground Beef and Cheese)	Turkey and Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Pizza
Grains/Breads	Whole Grain Tortilla	Brown Rice	Whole Grain Lasagna Noodles	Whole Grain Bread	Pizza Dough
Milk, fluid	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²
Other Foods (optional)			Low-fat Dressing	Low-fat Dressing	
Snack Meal Pattern (choose 2 below)					
Fruit	Peach Slices ^{NC}		Honeydew Melon ^{NC}		Applesauce
Vegetable		Snow Peas ^{NC}		Celery Sticks	
Meat or Meat Alternative	Yogurt Fruit Dip	Cheese Stick		Peanut Butter (or other nut/seed butter)	
Grains/Breads			Rice Cakes		Whole Grain Crackers
Milk, fluid					

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Breakfast Meal Pattern					
Vegetable or Fruit	Strawberries ^{NC}	Peach Slices ^{NC}	Blueberries ^{NC}	Banana Slices	Melon Mix ^{NC}
Vegetable					
Meat or Meat Alternative (optional)	Peanut Butter (or other nut/seed butter) ¹			Scrambled Eggs ¹	Cottage Cheese ¹
Grains/Bread	Whole Grain Mini-Bagel	Kix [®]	Oven-Baked Whole Wheat Pancakes	Whole Grain Toast	Nutty Nuggets [®]
Milk, fluid	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²
Other Foods (optional)	Jelly		Syrup	Jelly	
Lunch or Supper Meal Pattern					
Vegetable or Fruit	Watermelon ^{NC}	Very Berry Salad ^{NC}	Orange Wedges	Plums ^{NC}	Strawberries ^{NC}
Vegetable	Tomatoes and Snow Peas ^{NC}	Romaine, Cucumber, Tomato Salad ^{NC}	Baked Zucchini and Squash ^{NC}	Corn on the Cob ^{NC}	Zucchini Sticks ^{NC}
Meat or Meat Alternative	Grilled Cheese and Tomato Sandwich	Meatballs with Tomato Sauce	Catch of the Day Fish	Sloppy Joes	Honey Lemon Baked Chicken
Grains/Breads	Whole Grain Bread	Whole Grain Spaghetti Pasta	Whole Grain Couscous	Whole Grain Bun	Whole Grain Dinner Roll
Milk, fluid	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²
Other Foods (optional)		Low-fat Dressing			
Snack Meal Pattern (choose 2 below)					
Fruit	Peach Slices ^{NC}			Blueberries ^{NC}	Plums ^{NC}
Vegetable		Carrot Sticks ^{NC}	Broccoli		
Meat or Meat Alternative			Cheese Slices	Yogurt	Peanut Butter (or other nut/seed butter)
Grains/Breads	Tortilla Chips	Whole Wheat Crackers			Whole Grain Crackers
Milk, fluid					

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Vegetable or Fruit	Honeydew Melon ^{NC}	Blackberries ^{NC}	Diced Peaches ^{NC}	Pears ^{NC}	Blueberries ^{NC}
Vegetable					
Meat or Meat Alternative (optional)	Scrambled Eggs ¹		Cottage Cheese ¹		Low-Fat Cheddar Cheese ¹
Grains/Bread	Whole Wheat Toast	Whole Wheat Cinnamon Bread	Whole Grain Mini-Bagel	Honey Bunches of Oats Whole Grain Honey Crunch [®]	Enriched Cheesy Grits
Milk, fluid	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²
Other Foods (optional)			Jelly		
Lunch or Supper Meal Pattern					
Fruit	Apple Slices ^{NC}	Cantaloupes ^{NC}	Grape Halves ^{NC}	Strawberries ^{NC}	Watermelon Wedges ^{NC}
Vegetable	Green Snap Beans ^{NC}	Carrot ^{NC} and Celery Sticks	Corn on the Cob ^{NC}	Corn ^{NC} , Tomatoes ^{NC} , Romaine	Peppers & Onions ^{NC} , Spinach Salad
Meat or Meat Alternative	Pizza Party Pita	Turkey and Cheese Wrap	Meatloaf	Black Bean Taco Salad	Chic' Penne
Grains/Breads	Whole Wheat Pita Bread	Whole Grain Tortilla	Whole Grain Dinner Roll	Brown Rice and Hard Tortilla Shell Bowl	Whole Grain Penne Pasta
Milk, fluid	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²
Other Foods (optional)					Low-fat Dressing Alfredo Sauce
Snack Meal Pattern (choose 2 below)					
Fruit	Nectarines ^{NC}	Banana Slices	Apple Sauce		Strawberries ^{NC}
Vegetable				Snow Peas ^{NC}	
Meat or Meat Alternative	Yogurt	Peanut Butter (or other nut/seed butter)		Hummus	String Cheese
Grains/Breads			Whole Grain Crackers	Whole Grain Pita Wedges	
Milk, fluid					

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Vegetable or Fruit	Strawberries ^{NC}	Peaches ^{NC}	Melon Mix ^{NC}	Sliced Banana	Pear Halves ^{NC}
Vegetable					
Meat or Meat Alternative (optional)	Peanut Butter (or other nut/seed butter) ¹			Plain Low-fat Yogurt ¹	
Grains/Bread	Whole Wheat English Muffin	Honey Kix®	Oatmeal	Blueberry Muffin	Frosted Wheat®
Milk, fluid	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²
Other Foods (optional)	Jelly				
Lunch or Supper Meal Pattern					
Vegetable or Fruit	Nectarine Slices ^{NC}	Red and Green Grapes ^{NC}	Plums ^{NC}	Watermelon Rounds ^{NC}	Blueberries ^{NC}
Vegetable	Cucumber, Carrots, and Tomato Salad ^{NC}	Broccoli - slaw	Roasted Butternut Squash ^{NC}	Roasted Potatoes ^{NC}	Tomato Slices ^{NC} and Fresh Spinach
Meat or Meat Alternative	Chicken Salad	Pulled Pork	Oven-Baked Chicken	Hamburger	Fiesta Wrap
Grains/Breads	Whole Grain Pita Pocket	Cornbread	Brown Rice	Whole Grain Bun	Whole Grain Tortilla
Milk, fluid	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²	Milk ²
Other Foods (optional)					Low-fat Italian or Balsamic Dressing
Snack Meal Pattern (choose 2 below)					
Fruit	Watermelon Rounds ^{NC}		Apple slices ^{NC}		
Vegetable		Green Bean sticks ^{NC}		Roasted Chickpeas	Salsa ^{NC}
Meat or Meat Alternative		Low-fat Cheddar Cheese	Peanut Butter (or other nut/seed butter)		
Grains/Breads	Pretzels	Whole Grain Crackers	Mini Rice Cakes	Whole Grain Pita Wedges	Tortilla Chips
Milk, fluid					

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- To personalize these menus electronically, enter your center name here: _____
- These menus are designed to inspire programs to use seasonal, locally grown foods when possible.
- Recipes for the items listed in **bold** on the menu are linked to USDA-approved standardized recipes.
- Many foods can be **choking hazards** for children under four years of age. Please be sure to cut, steam, or mash them as appropriate. Avoid these foods altogether for children under age four: *nuts and seeds, hot dogs, whole grapes, chunks of meat or cheese, hard chunks of raw vegetables or fruits (cut into thin strips before serving)*. Encourage children to chew completely before swallowing to ensure safety.
- Want to find out what's in season in North Carolina? Download this colorful chart:
 - [What's in Season? North Carolina Fruit and Vegetable Availability](#)
- Like to learn more about Farm to Preschool? **Gardening and Farm to Preschool Resources** can be found on the North Carolina Nutrition Services Branch website: <http://nutritionnc.com/snp/kesmm.htm>
 - [Farm to Preschool Toolkit](#) – From the ASAP (Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Program)
- Where's your Local Farmers Market?
 - [Local Food Directories: National Farmers Market Directory](#)
- Selecting Cereal to Meet the New Meal Pattern
 - [Healthier Cereal Choices for use in the North Carolina CACFP](#)

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