

Subject: New Commodity Whole Grains Pilot Program

The Idaho State Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs is excited to announce Idaho has been selected to be a part of a Whole Grains Pilot Program for USDA Commodities. USDA has developed two whole grain commodity items for this pilot program - Whole Wheat Tortillas and Whole Wheat Pancakes. We hope to offer these items in January 2009 for delivery in February 2009. These items **will not** count against each school district's entitlement.

We will receive 2,100 cases of whole wheat pancakes with a pack size of 144ct. per case. We will also receive 1,500 cases of whole wheat tortillas with a pack size of 12/24 per case. The fact sheet for each item is attached.

We encourage you to start thinking about menu changes and promotions to incorporate these new whole wheat items from February 2009 through the end of the school year.

The USDA requires an evaluation of this pilot project, which will be conducted by the Institute for Obesity Research and Program Evaluation at Texas A&M University. Idaho school districts may be enrolled in this evaluation and may be required to submit information on whole grain usage, student acceptability and general product feedback.

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