USDA Foods in Schools

Product Information Sheets & USDA Foods Database Survey

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USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, Food Safety and Nutrition Division is seeking customer feedback from USDA Foods in Schools program stakeholders about the resources available to learn more about USDA Foods in Schools products, including USDA Foods in Schools Product Information Sheets (https://www.fns.usda.gov/usda-fis/usda-foods-product-information-sheets) and the USDA Foods Database (https://www.fns.usda.gov/usda-fis/usda-foods-database).

The purpose is to assess if and how Product Information Sheets and the USDA Foods Database are currently being used. USDA will use the information internally for general service improvement and resource development purposes.

Thank you in advance for your feedback.

Respondent Information

1. What type of organization do you work for? *

- ◯ State agency

- ◯ School district

- ◯ Individual school

- ◯ Food service management company

2. Select the state/territory you work in. *

Select your answer ⌄

Product Information Sheet Questions

The follow questions are about the Product Information Sheets found at https://www.fns.usda.gov/usda-fis/usda-foods-product-information-sheets.

3. Do you use the Product Information Sheets? *

- ◯ Yes

- ◯ No

Note: The questions that follow depend on answer to the above question. Below are two #4 questions; one if the answer is No, and the other if the answer is Yes. If No is selected, that is the final question for this section. If Yes is selected, then questions 5-9 are available to answer.

4. If "No", why don't you use the Product Information Sheets? (Select all that apply)

☐ I am not familiar with this resource.

☐ I have transitioned to using the USDA Foods Database.

☐ It does not have the information I need.

☐ I get product information from other sources.

☐ It is too time consuming to pull each individual sheet.

☐ Other

4. If "Yes", how often do you use the Product Information Sheets?

○ Yearly

○ Two or three times a year

○ Quarterly

○ Monthly

○ Weekly

○ Daily

5. Rate the usefulness of the Product Information Sheets.

○ Not Useful

○ Moderately Useful

○ Extremely Useful

6. What types of information do you use from the Product Information Sheets? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Product Description

- ☐ Crediting Information

- ☐ Yield Information

- ☐ Culinary Tips & Recipes

- ☐ Food Safety Information

- ☐ Nutrition Facts

- ☐ Allergen Information

7. What additional information would be useful to include on the Product Information Sheets?

Enter your answer

8. If the Product Information Sheets are discontinued once the USDA Foods Database is complete, would it present challenges for you in your work?

- ○ Yes

- ○ No

- ○ I Don't Know

Note: Question 9 is only presented if the answer to question 8 is Yes.

9. If "Yes", please explain what challenges it would present.

Enter your answer

USDA Foods Database Questions

The following questions are about the USDA Foods Database found at https://www.fns.usda.gov/usda-fis/usda-foods-database.

10. Do you use the USDA Foods Database? *

   ○ Yes

   ○ No

Note: The questions that follow depend on answer to the above question. Below are two sets of questions; one if the answer is No, and the other if the answer is Yes. If No is selected, then the first set of questions 11-13 remain for this section. If Yes is selected, then the second set of questions 11- are available to answer.

If the respondent answers "No" to question 10, the following questions are asked:

11. If "No", why don't you use the USDA Foods Database? (Select all that apply)

☐ I am not familiar with this resource.

☐ I use the Product Information Sheets instead.

☐ It does not have the information I need.

☐ It is difficult to navigate.

☐ I cannot access the USDA Foods Database.

☐ It is too time consuming to retrieve information for each individual item.

☐ I don't want to download the most recent version.

☐   Other

12. If you selected "I cannot access the USDA Foods Database", explain the issues you have experienced.

   Enter your answer

13. What would make the USDA Foods Database easier for you to use?

Enter your answer

If the respondent answers "Yes" to question 10, the following questions are asked:

11. If "Yes", how often do you use the USDA Foods Database?

   ◯ Yearly

   ◯ Two or three times a year

   ◯ Quarterly

   ◯ Monthly

   ◯ Weekly

   ◯ Daily

12. Rate the usefulness of the USDA Foods Database.

   ◯ Not Useful

   ◯ Moderately Useful

   ◯ Extremely Useful

13. What types of information do you use from the USDA Foods Database? (Select all that apply)

☐ Product Description

☐ Vendor Name

☐ Brand Name

☐ Global Trade Item Number (GTIN)

☐ Serving Size

☐ Servings per Case

☐ CN Crediting

☐ Nutrients

☐ Allergens

☐ Kosher & Halal Certifications

☐ Ingredients

14. What additional information would be useful to include in the USDA Foods Database?

Enter your answer

15. What would make the USDA Foods Database easier for you to use?

Enter your answer

Other Questions

The following questions are about both the Product Information Sheets and the USDA Foods Database.

16. If you are familiar with both resources, which do you prefer?

○ Product Information Sheets

○ USDA Foods Database

○ I do not prefer one over the other.

○ I use both resources together.

○ I am not familiar with both resources.

Note: If Product Information Sheets or USDA Foods Database is selected for the question above, then question 17-18 are asked. If any of the other answer options are selected, only question 18 is asked.

17. Why do you prefer one resource over the other?

☐ It is easier to access.

☐ It is easier to read.

☐ It is easier to navigate.

☐ It contains more specific information.

☐ It contains more general information.

☐ It is what I am familiar with.

☐ The information is all in one place.

☐ Other

18. Share any additional comments or suggestions for the Product Information Sheets or USDA Foods Database.

Enter your answer