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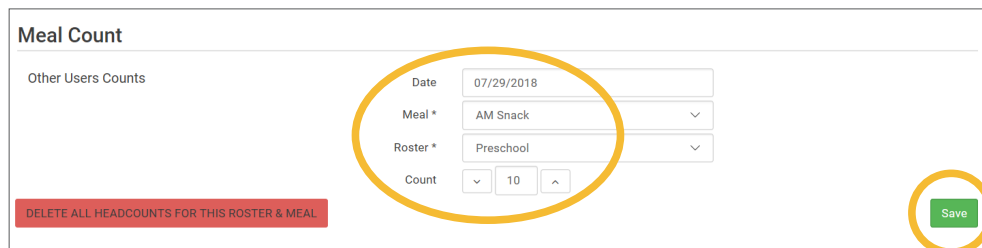
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## To take a headcount meal count:

- Click on “Meal Count” on the main dashboard.
- Select the date, meal and roster for which you want to take a count.
- Use the up/down arrows or type a number into the box.
- Click “Save” to record the meal counts.



**Note:** headcount meal counts from other users will appear on the upper-left corner. If two users enter counts for the same meal on the same day, they will add together. If using headcount meal counts, we strongly recommend having only one person assigned to entering meal counts. Multiple users are less of a problem with meal count by name since the system prevents a child from being checked in twice for the same meal. Since headcount meal counts do not associate meal counts with particular children, it can cause confusion if multiple people enter counts.

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## To take headcount meal count using mobile app:

- Click on the “Meal Count” button and select the correct roster and meal.
- Click the “Add One to Count” button until you reach the number of children eating the meals.
- Click “Submit”.
- This information will be saved to the database and users who login or refresh their screens will see these children as checked in. It will also synchronize in real time with the web app.

**Note:** If you are attempting to serve a meal and there are no options under the “Meal” drop down menu, you are serving a meal outside of the scheduled meal time.

