

Meal Count: Taking Meal Counts with Mixed CACFP/ARAM using Web App



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2. The meal is designated as eligible for ARAM in Site Details.
3. The child is designated as enrolled in ARAM on their participant page.
4. The roster is designated as eligible for ARAM in Participants & Rosters..

To take a meal count with mixed CACFP/ARAM:

- Click on “Meal Count” on the main dashboard.
- Select the date, meal and roster for which you want to take a count.
- Select the box under ARAM Meal for the eligible participants.
- If a participant is not marked as eligible for ARAM, then no ARAM box will appear on the meal count screen. Either check the child in for a CACFP meal on another roster or go back and mark the child as eligible for ARAM.
- Click “Save” to record the meal counts.

The screenshot shows the "Meal Count Roster" interface. At the top, there are three dropdown menus: "Date" set to "03/24/2020", "Roster" set to "School Age", and "Meal" set to "PM Snack". Below these is a table with three columns: "ID", "Name", and "ARAM Meal". The table contains three rows of data:

ID	Name	ARAM Meal
5	Liam Cook	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Ruth McGregor	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	George Robinson	<input type="checkbox"/>

Below the table, there is a "Current Total" field showing "0". To the right of the table, there is a blue button labeled "+ Add Participant" and a green button labeled "Save". A yellow circle highlights the "ARAM Meal" column header and the checkboxes for the three participants.

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To take meal count with mixed CACFP/ARAM using mobile app:

- **Note:** attendance must be taken prior to meal counts.
- Click on the “Meal Count” button and select the correct roster and meal. A list of children will now be loaded. Check the box to the right of the child’s name under ARAM for eligible participants and click “Submit”.
- If a participant is not marked as eligible for ARAM, then no ARAM box will appear on the meal count screen. Either check the child in for a CACFP meal on another roster or go back and mark the child as eligible for ARAM.
- 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.

