



CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY & COMPLIANCE

Use this checklist to confirm eligibility and compliance when planning or operating rural non-congregate (grab-and-go) meal service under the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

- Confirm the site is located in a USDA-defined rural area using the USDA Rural Designation Map.
- Save and date documentation showing rural status (screenshots or map printouts).
- Verify with the State Agency that no congregate meal service is available in the area.
- Receive State Agency approval for non-congregate meal service before operating.
- Ensure rural designation is current (valid for five years from approval).
- Include non-congregate service details in the SFSP application (service times, method, locations).
- Establish procedures for meal accountability and accurate meal counts.
- Train staff on grab-and-go distribution and recordkeeping requirements.
- Follow all SFSP meal pattern and food safety requirements.
- Maintain required records for monitoring and audits.