

**Program(s) Affected:** National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program

Title of Rule: Proposed Rule: Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Stage of Rulemaking: Published in the Federal Register on Friday, February 24, 2012. Available on the [School Meals public Web site](#).

Is the Rule Currently Open for Public Comment? Comments on this proposed rule must be received by the Food and Nutrition Service on or before April 24, 2012.

Rule Summary: This proposed rule would establish the basic requirements for the operation of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) in conformance with the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. It would set forth administrative and operational requirements for FFVP operators at the State and local levels. The intent of these provisions is to ensure that the FFVP encourages the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables by elementary school children, thus improving their dietary habits and long-term health.