



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



**TO:** Sponsors of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs

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**SUBJECT: Operational Memorandum # 29-07**  
I. *Connecticut Grown for Connecticut Kids Week*  
II. National School Lunch Week

- I. **CT Grown for CT Kids Week** - *Connecticut Grown for Connecticut Kids Week* is scheduled for **October 1 – 5, 2007**. This week long celebration is in response to Section 22-38d of the Connecticut General Statutes, which requires the Connecticut State Department of Education to establish a week-long promotional event in late September or early October each year, that will promote Connecticut agriculture and foods to children through school meal and classroom programs, at farms, farmers' markets and other locations in the community. During this week, schools are encouraged to promote the value of Connecticut agriculture through the purchase and service of foods grown from local Connecticut farms.

To support schools' efforts to promote Connecticut grown foods and to feature *CT Grown for CT Kids Week*, there is a **limited** supply of resources available with the CT Department of Agriculture. Contact Jane Slupecki at 860-713-4588 or [Jane.Slupecki@ct.gov](mailto:Jane.Slupecki@ct.gov) for more information. Additionally, third grade classes across the state received a special CT Grown Calendar to promote CT Farm to School and CT agriculture. These calendars were designed and issued by the Connecticut Agricultural Education Foundation.

A *Connecticut Grown for Connecticut Kids Week* brochure has been developed and after, September 26<sup>th</sup>, may be downloaded at

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2626&q=320676>

Questions pertaining to this week may be directed to Dr. Mary Ragno, consultant at [maryragno@att.net](mailto:maryragno@att.net) or Teri Dandeneau at the CT State Department of Education at [teri.dandeneau@ct.gov](mailto:teri.dandeneau@ct.gov).

- II. **National School Lunch Week**- The School Nutrition Association has announced that National School Lunch Week will be celebrated **October 15-19, 2007**. For more information, visit the School Nutrition Association's website <http://docs.schoolnutrition.org/meetingsandevents/nslw2007/nslw.asp>.

Important: This is a numbered Operational Memorandum that contains important program information. Please read carefully and retain in a binder for your future reference. Operational Memoranda are also posted on the Child Nutrition website: <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2626&q=320676>