



10/18/2023	Milk Supply Chain Challenges Related to Packaging Issues	<p>USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is aware that schools in multiple States are experiencing milk supply chain challenges related to packaging issues. New Jersey is among the states affected.</p> <p>Program operators are expected to meet the fluid milk requirements to the greatest extent possible. SFAs are encouraged to work with their suppliers to obtain alternate packaging such as bulk packaging or plastic bottles.</p> <p>If other alternatives have been exhausted, current Child Nutrition Program regulations found at <b>7 CFR 210.10(d)(2)</b>, <b>220.8(d)</b>, <b>225.16(f)(6)</b>, and <b>226.20(e)(1)</b> may allow Program operators experiencing milk supply shortages to serve meals during an emergency period with an alternate form of fluid milk or without fluid milk. Supply chain disruptions, including disruptions that limit milk variety or affect serving size, would be considered a temporary emergency condition for purposes of this flexibility. A waiver is not required, however, documentation indicating milk supply chain issues may be asked to be provided on Administrative Review.</p>
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