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Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education	Section: All Institutions
Child and Adult Care Food Program	Subject: Arkansas Grown Foods
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### ARKANSAS GROWN FOODS

1. The Arkansas CACFP encourages the use of Arkansas grown produce and food products in CACFP meals.
2. Fruits and vegetables obtained from a local farm, a farmer's market or a co-op may be used in the CACFP. All meat and poultry products must be from a licensed and approved meat locker, processor or butcher and must be USDA-inspected. Milk must be from a licensed and USDA-inspected milk processor.
3. Use of food grown in gardens on-site at the day care facility is encouraged. Use of food grown in local gardens is also encouraged.
4. Food and food products for use in the CACFP must be grown and manufactured according to federal and state agricultural and food manufacturing regulations and must be from a licensed and approved source.
5. Food from farmer's markets that is cut or cooked is not allowed as food for use in the CACFP because of food safety concerns. .
6. Home-canned food is not permitted because of food safety concerns.
7. Wild game is not permitted because of food safety concerns.