

It is our understanding that the collection of data for the FNS 905 form is designed as a summer food site locator for the end user looking for real time/immediate site access for meals. The end user being a child and/or their guardian or community partners assisting them with finding access to a meal site. New York State provides the following comments and questions:

The following information is not necessary for the end user or for the public:

1. The end user does not need to know whether the site is a SFSP or SSO
Therefore; the column "Site Program" is not necessary.
2. The site and sponsor ID is used internally and not necessary for the end user.

The following data retrieval problems exists as the data is collected differently and therefore retrieved differently. We are seeking guidance on how to navigate the difference in data collection and submission to FNS. The following differences are:

1. Our online management system does not collect AM Snack or PM Snack as a separate column. Therefore; the reporting tool does not extract AM/PM in separate columns. However; AM/PM is included in the meal service time like this: 10:00am or 03:00pm this is consistent with how the data is completed for all other meals. Ultimately the end user/public is able to identify the time of day the snack is being provided. Furthermore; these additional columns would create additional data entry for sponsors and the State agency.
2. Our reporting tool does not have the ability to pull only new/changed information each week. With over 3,000 sites with constant changes, it would be impossible to pull only new/changed information from the report. We experience 200-300 program changes daily.
3. The Business rules in the data dictionary identify five statuses. Our system currently breaks this data down into seven site types (statuses) for other reporting and documenting site eligibility collection data and is retrieved as follows:
 - Open sites are broken down in to two types Open sites and Restricted Open Sites
 - Closed Enrolled Sites are broken down to accommodate the difference in qualifying the site either as Closed Enrolled in a Needy Area or Closed Enrolled in a Non-Needy Area
 - Migrant
 - Residential Camp
 - Non-Residential Camp
4. Submitting the data on Wednesday and the data going live on Friday results in some outdated information being provided to families (meal time changes, site closures, etc.)

Sites operate various days of the week. Days of operation should be required otherwise how would an end user know what days they can access a meal service.

The following is an end user request:

1. Community partners who assist end users/public finding site locations in the summer have requested the county be added as field for search purposes. This would also enhance the Capacity Builder for use in Program development, coordination, and evaluation of strategic initiatives, partnership, and outreach activities.

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