

Release Notes for the Child Nutrition Database

Release CN2026.01

Updates since CN2025.12 release:

1. New value type code (VTC) “8” added to NUTVAL table. VTC 8 denotes nutrient values provided by the manufacturer as "not a significant source of." For source code 3 items (Branded Foods items), if the manufacturer identified the nutrient value as “not a significant source of ” then a value of zero is assigned to that nutrient if the manufacturer did not report a value (received as null or blank).
2. Vitamin A (nutrient code 320) nutrient unit was updated to “mcg RAE” in the NUTDES table.
3. Please review the updated CNDB Documentation File (dated January 2026) found at:
<https://fdc.nal.usda.gov/cndb/>

	FDES	WGHT	NUTVAL
New Records	27	27	513
Modified Records	107	4	6,601
Removed Records	4	1	76

- A record with the date 1/22/2026 in the "Date added" field is a new record in the CN2026.01 release.
- A record with the date 1/22/2026 in the "Last modified" field, and a date before 1/22/2026 in the "Date added" field contains a modified value in one or more of its fields within the CN2026.01 release. For source code 3 items, this date reflects a modified value in its record in GS1 GDSN.

General Reminders:

The current release of the CNDB and corresponding Release Notes are published on the [FoodData Central \(FDC\) website](#).

Source code 3 data in the CNDB is updated monthly. Format and structural changes will be provided twice per year, as needed.

A record with a date in the “Discontinued Date” field is a discontinued source code 3 record. Discontinued dates are provided by the manufacturer through Branded Foods. An item and its associated data will be removed from the CNDB approximately 1 year after the discontinued date.

Records may be removed from the CNDB without a discontinued date. There is no other status indicator provided. Records may be removed due to the manufacturer no longer publishing it to the CNDB, data failing the FNS validation test, or data becoming out of date/obsolete.