

Release Notes for the Child Nutrition Database

Release CN2024.12

Move to FDC

The Release Notes for the Child Nutrition Database (CNDB) will be updated as needed. The most recent Release Notes will be provided with the current release of the CNDB on the [FoodData Central \(FDC\) website](#).

With the current release, the CNDB has moved to FDC. The CNDB will now be maintained and provided at the FDC site. With this move, the numbering system for the releases will be in the “CNyear.month” format, such as CN2024.12 for the December 2024 release.

Source code 3 data in the CNDB will be updated monthly. Updated data from other sources, as well as format and structural changes, will be provided twice per year, as needed, in April and October.

Entire CNDB

- A record with a date after 1/22/2024 in the "Date_added" field is a new record in the CN2024.11 release.
- A record with a date on or before 1/22/2024 in the "Date_added" field and a date after 1/22/2024 in the "Last_modified" field contains a modified value in one or more of its fields within the CN2024.11 release or, for source code 3 items, in its record in GS1 GDSN.
- 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 one year after the discontinued date.
- Other 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due to the manufacturer no longer publishing it to the CNDB, data failing the FNS validation test, or data becoming out of date or obsolete.

Food Description (FDES) Table

- Source codes were updated to add a source code for the FNS added sugars supplement (See NUTVAL section).

- A large set of the source code 1 data from the National Nutrient Databank for Standard Reference-Legacy Version (SR-Legacy) was removed from the FDES table. Data removed included out-of-date branded data, alcoholic beverages, and foods tagged as restaurant, fast food, or school food service.

Food Category Name (CTGNME) Table

No changes were made to the CTGNME table.

GPC Category Name (GPCNME) Table

No changes were made to the GPCNME table.

Weights (WGHT) Table

The source code field in the WGHT table is now populated.

Nutrient Values (NUTVAL) Table

- The source code field in the NUTVAL table is now populated.
- Added sugars data provided by FNS was added to selected source code 1 items in the CNDB. This data is tagged with the source code 4 for FNS added sugars supplement.
- Data for vitamin A in IU (nutrient code 318) was removed from the NUTVAL table.
- Data for vitamin A in mcg RAE (nutrient code 320) was added to the NUTVAL table. Note that all source code 2 data will have a missing value for vitamin A in mcg RAE. Mcg RAE data will be added for source code 2 items as it becomes available.
- The Value Type Codes were updated and the new codes were assigned to all records. See the [Child Nutrition Database Documentation](#) for a list of the current Value Type Codes.
- For source code 3 items, the mapping for total fat was updated, reducing the number of items with missing values for total fat.

Nutrient Description (NUTDES) Table

- Vitamin A in IU (nutrient code 318) was removed.
- Vitamin A in mcg RAE (nutrient code 320) was added.