Dear NAHMA Members,

Today, USDA released the attached **Unnumbered Letter to promote the participation of RHS-financed housing properties and community facilities in the Summer Meals program**, which provides no-cost healthy meals to low-income children during the summer. Meals to rural children at risk of going hungry are provided by <u>local sponsoring organizations</u>, while RHS provides sites where meals can be served.

In 2016, RHS far surpassed its goal by enrolling 305 MFH properties to serve as meal sites, an all-time high and almost triple the number from 2014. In 2017, RHS aims for a 25% increase in participating MFH properties over the 2016 total.

RHS encourages MFH properties and community facilities to get involved and spread the word early, as state agencies and sponsoring organizations hold planning sessions months before the summer begins.

For more information on Summer Meals, please click <u>here</u>. To read the Unnumbered Letter, click <u>here</u>.

Thanks,

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