



SECTION 27

Key Definitions

10 Cents a Meal for Michigan's Kids and Farms (10 Cents), administered by the Michigan Department of Education, matches what participating schools, districts, and early care and education centers spend on Michigan-grown fruits, vegetables, and dry beans with grants of up to 10 cents per meal.

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Broadline distributor: Also referred to as “full-service distributor,” this is a vendor that carries large volumes of a diverse range of products, such as cutlery and vegetables. In Michigan, public K-12 school districts typically source most of their food and other food service products from one primary broadband distributor.

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP): The federal program that reimburses nutritious meals and snacks at participating childcare centers, day care homes, at-risk afterschool programs, and adult day care centers.¹

Contracted food service management company: An external management company that is contracted by a food service program to prepare the meals and/or manage the food service operation, sometimes including personnel.

Early Care and Education (ECE): Settings that focus on the care and/or education and development of young children, such as childcare centers for the purposes of 10 Cents.

ECE license capacity: The maximum number of children who may be cared for by a childcare center (although the actual number may vary throughout the year), including all possible sites for centers with multiple locations.

Farm direct: When a grantee purchases food products directly from a farmer.

Farmer cooperative: A group of farmers working together to cooperatively grow and sell their products

Farmers market: A public and recurring gathering of farmers selling direct-to-consumer food and/or products.²

Food hub: A food business that manages the aggregation, distribution, and marketing of locally or regionally produced food products.

Food processor: A food business that transforms raw agricultural products into a processed (e.g., frozen, chopped, etc.) form.

¹ Adapted from the [USDA Food and Nutrition Service definition](#).

² Adapted from the [Michigan Farmers Market Association's definition](#).

Food program manager (FPM): An individual who manages a school, district, or center’s food or food service program. For the 10 Cents program, FPMs fill out evaluation surveys and submit invoices on behalf of the entity that was awarded grants (the grantee).

Grocery store: A retail business that sells food, including fresh produce, and household items.

Minimally processed: For 10 Cents, this includes Michigan-grown fruit and vegetable products that are frozen, peeled, sliced, diced, cut, chopped, bagged, or dried (including dry beans). Products that are excluded from this definition, and are therefore ineligible for 10 Cents, are those that are cooked, heated, canned, or contain additives or fillers. This definition for minimally processed products for 10 Cents is derived from the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) definition of “unprocessed products” for the purpose of applying geographic procurement preference.³ The USDA describes “unprocessed products” as agricultural products that retain their inherent character.

Residential Child Care Institutions (RCCI): An institution, whether public or nonprofit private, which operates principally for the care of children.⁴

Specialty distributor: A vendor that specializes in the aggregation and/or distribution of a certain product category, such as produce, meat, or dairy.

Self-operated food service program: A food service program that prepares its own meals and manages its own food service operation, including personnel. For 10 Cents, these types of programs are most often found in school districts.

Vended food service program: A food service program that uses an external company (sometimes a caterer) to prepare and provide their meals, which are often delivered to a school or childcare setting.

³ Adapted from the [USDA Geographic Preference final rule](#).

⁴ Adapted from the [USDA Food and Nutrition Service definition](#).

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