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Welcome to the Fall 09 edition of the Nutrition Consortium of NYS Food Stamp e-News!

Food Stamp e-News is a quarterly newsletter to help keep you up to date on the newest Food Stamp Program policy changes, research, reports and to provide the most up to date tools and resources.

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October 1 Food Stamp Program Changes

On October 1, 2009, Food Stamp Program Standards and deductions -- the measures used to determine the amount of food stamp benefits a household receives -- were adjusted. This adjustment happens annually, to reflect changes to the Federal Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs).

A [memo](#) has been posted on the Nutrition Consortium website that highlights the changes in Food Stamp Program Standards and Deductions for October 1, 2009.

Food Stamp Benefit Estimator Tools



math for you.

It is important to start using these new tools when working with households who are applying for food stamp benefits, because the new FSP

Available now are [Food Stamp Benefit Estimator Tools](#) updated with the October 1, 2009 Food Stamp Program (FSP) standards and deductions. These excel tools are designed to help estimate a households potential food stamp amount. Unlike our paper budget worksheet, these tools do some of the

FOOD STAMPS IN NEW YORK STATE: An Eligibility Prescreening Guide



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October 2009 Edition of the Food Stamp Prescreening Guide Now Available

The October 2009 edition of "[FOOD STAMPS IN NYS: An Eligibility Prescreening Guide](#)" is now available.

This guide is designed for community based organizations, advocates and others who are working with low-income families looking to access the Food Stamp Program.

This helpful resource is full of information, forms, and desk guides concerning Food Stamp Program

standards change both the income guidelines and several deductions which affect the food stamp benefit amount for a household.

Also available on this web page is a "[How To](#)" sheet for using the tools.

Half of US kids will get food stamps, study says

(Associated Press, November 2, 2009)

Nearly half of all U.S. children and 90 percent of black youngsters will be on food stamps at some point during childhood, and fallout from the current recession could push those numbers even higher, researchers say.

The estimate comes from an analysis of 30 years of national data, and it bolsters other recent evidence on the pervasiveness of youngsters at economic risk. It suggests that almost everyone knows a family who has received food stamps, or will in the future, said lead author Mark Rank, a sociologist at Washington University in St. Louis.

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eligibility and budgeting rules.

For more information on how to order or download the guide [click here](#)

Characteristics of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Households: Fiscal Year 2008

USDA recently released a study entitled, "[Characteristics of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Households: Fiscal Year 2008](#)". This report looks at characteristics of households participating in the Food Stamp Program (or SNAP as it is called nationally) and provides both national and state specific data.

The Nutrition Consortium will soon release a companion report that will highlight selected NYS characteristics.

For more information on the FSP in NYS see [our newest fact sheet](#).