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Informational Memorandum – KY–FD–IM–S–10-02

To: All School Nutrition Administrators and All Processing Manufacturers

From: Ann Smith
Director of Food Distribution Kentucky Department of Agriculture

Date: October 27, 2009

RE: New Employees with the Food Distribution Division Office

I am pleased to announce that we have hired a new Processing Specialist! Garrick Howell comes to us from Owen County Schools where he taught agriculture for the past three years. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky where he earned a degree in agriculture. I am very excited about Garrick being here and he has already shown what wonderful things he will be able to bring to our program! He is learning very quickly and wants to help make processing in the state of Kentucky the best there is anywhere! Please forward all correspondence related to Processing in the state to:

garrick.howell@ky.gov

502-573-0430

We have been fortunate enough to hire an additional field staff member to cover the vacancy left by Donna Vincent. Jessica Risner comes to us after working with and around School Nutrition all of her young life. She has spent many years in 4-H as well as teaching nutrition classes at 4_H camp as well as working with her Mother from the University of Kentucky extension office in Mt. Sterling KY, where she worked closely with the EFN Program educating under privileged families on good nutritional practices. She has almost completed her Bachelors degree from Morehead State University in Marketing with a minor in Social Work enabling her to have her wonderful way of dealing with people from diverse backgrounds. Jessica has a wonderful attitude and is so excited to work with all of you and help in any way possible! You can reach Jessica at:

jessica.risner@ky.gov

502-573-0427

Thank goodness we still have the wonderful field staff in place that keeps me sane! Beverly Daugherty, Larry Garriott and Roger Estill are still here and going strong! Steve Castanis is still heading up that department but spends most of his time on the road as he has stepped up and taken on doing reviews himself. You can reach any of these staff members by e-mailing:

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Kevin Peach is still covering a little bit of everything. He together with Roger Estill is covering Brown Box Commodities and both do an outstanding job as you all well know! Although our division is smaller than in the past it is stronger than it has ever been and grows stronger each day! We are all so committed to the National School Lunch Program that we can't help making things better!

We will be having a commodity conference this year December 1-3 at the Sloan Convention Center and Holiday Inn in Bowling Green Ky. The food show will be Wednesday 12-2 with New Director Training on 12-1. We will be sending out the registration paperwork as soon as it is ready but wanted everyone to have confirmation for their calendars. I am always available if any of you need to speak to me but please go through the appropriate person if they can help you. The Division of Food Distribution oversees numerous programs of which NSLP is only one although it is important and very close to my heart, the days are never long enough to do all that needs to be done and contacting the appropriate person over what you need an answer on will help get you an answer in a much quicker timeframe.

Every one of you does something every day to make a difference in the life of a child and should be confident that you truly make a difference! Thank you for allowing us to be part of all that you do and we look forward to growing a better program every day! See you in Bowling Green!

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