



Harvest of the Month[®]

Fall 2008 Update

Since 2005 Harvest of the Month (HOTM) has provided valuable nutrition education resources to students, teachers, families and communities state-wide. With our ongoing commitment to provide high quality resources to best meet the needs of our end-users' the new additions will provide more flexibility for implementation within schools and beyond.

What's New?

1. [New Seasonal Schedule](#) – HOTM has moved away from using monthly “Cycles” to a Seasonal Schedule offering 7-8 fruit and vegetable items each season. This allows for better coordination with the Fruit Vegetable Physical Activity Campaigns (Retail, Worksite and Power Play!) and provides greater flexibility to schools. To learn more about the Seasonal Schedule review the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document in the Produce List & Criteria section of the HOTM website.
2. [New on-line Training Corner](#) – provides a step by step training on HOTM and all the resources needed to conduct face to face trainings in the field. View the HOTM DVD, download power point presentations and training tools (including new Quick Start Guide and Educator Newsletter Training Template).
3. [New Spanish Menu Slicks](#) – in response to requests from *Network* agencies the HOTM menu slicks have been translated into Spanish.
4. [New Family Newsletters in Russian](#) – Yolo County Health Department has translated the Family Newsletters into Russian these are now posted on the Educators' Corner of the HOTM website. Translations available include: Chinese, Vietnamese, Hmong and Russian.
5. [Updated Educator and Family Newsletters](#) – all newsletters have been reviewed and updated to ensure the recipes meet the *Network's* recipe criteria guidelines. All updated newsletters are posted on the HOTM website.
6. [New Guidelines for LIAs](#) –available on the *Network's* website with the Guidelines Manual. This document provides guidance to LIAs when modifying, translating or developing supplemental materials for the *Network's* HOTM.

Coming Soon!

1. New Educator Newsletters, Family Newsletters, Consumer Newsletters and Menu Slicks for 6 new produce items: onions, mushrooms, grapefruit, plums, peppers and zucchini.
2. A re-designed website! A new look, resources and navigation.

