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USDA Proposes Changes to School Lunch Program

(KTNC) -- Some schools could see changes in the way they administer the school lunch program.

U-S Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack says a new proposal calls for all schools in high poverty areas to serve free lunch and breakfast to all students. He says it calls for providing free meals to all children where 40-percent of students now qualify.

Vilsack says the proposal would reduce administrative costs as the program is phased in over the next four years and increase the number of students who participate in the school lunch and breakfast programs.

The USDA estimates that 9-million children in 22-thousand schools across the nation would qualify. That includes children at schools in southeast Nebraska. More than 40-percent of students at Falls City Public, Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinauer, Auburn, Johnson-Brock, Pawnee City, Johnson County Central, and Lewiston schools qualify for the free and reduced price lunch program.

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