

**20th National
Nutrient Databank Conference
Laboratory Updates**

Nutrient Data Laboratory

Shortly after our meeting last year, the Nutrient Data Laboratory (formerly the Nutrient Data Research Branch) and the Survey Systems/Food Consumption Laboratory (formerly the Survey Systems Branch and the Food Consumption Research Branch) were transferred to the Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center of the Agricultural Research Service.

The Nutrient Data Lab has moved to new quarters. The address is:

Nutrient Data Lab
River Road, Unit 89
Riverdale, MD 20737
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Laboratory staff can be reached in the new offices by replacing the 436 prefix in the old telephone numbers with a 734 prefix. The last four digits remain the same.

The new number for the Nutrient Data Bank Bulletin Board is:

301-734-5078

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Progress

The Primary Nutrient Data Set for Nationwide Food Surveys (PDS) was updated for the 1994 CSFII and will be released soon after the data from that survey are made available. Data on 19 individual fatty acids were added for all foods in the PDS. As part of the revision a new format has been adopted. This format adopts a relational structure and divides the information into several files.

The next release of the USDA Nutrient Database for Standard Reference will also adopt a relational structure similar to that of the Primary Data Set. This release will also add data from the 1992 Supplement to AH-8, data on vitamin E expressed in terms of milligrams of alpha-tocopherol equivalents, additional dietary fiber data, and other data from contracts sponsored by the Lab and other sources.

Progress in NDJ since last year includes development of additional data quality control procedures and development of the Key Foods list. Two contracts on ethnic foods are generating needed data on content of vitamins, minerals, proximates and lipid components. The National Nutrient Database for Child Nutrition Programs has been updated. Release 2 of this database will be available shortly on the Bulletin Board.

The Lab is working with the International Food Service Distributors Association (IFDA) to establish procedures whereby data produced by food companies using the IFDA format can be accessed electronically and evaluated for use in the National Nutrient Databank.

Survey Systems/Food Consumption Laboratory

Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals (CSFII)/ Diet and Health Knowledge Survey (DHKS) 1994-96

Data collection for 1994 was very successful. The year yielded 10,900 completed intake questionnaires and more than 1800 DHKS participants. Over 80% of eligible individuals provided at least one day of food recall data and 77% provided two days of data. Data collection for 1995 began in January 1995 and will continue through February 1996. Information about the survey has been carried by the Associated Press, resulting in articles in several newspapers, including the New York Times.

Data Releases

The 1994 CSFII/DHKS data tape, along with the 1994 Survey Nutrient Data Base, will be available to the public in 1995.

The 1989-91 CSFII/DHKS data are on CD-ROM which has been made available as a "test" set to individuals who have been using magnetic tapes or to others who have requested the data on CD-ROM. Contact Alanna Moshfegh, Research Leader, for information on obtaining 1989-91 data on CD-ROM.

Two statistical reports from the 1989-91 surveys have been completed and are in press. One provides 1-day food and nutrient intake data from the CSFII and the second provides information from the DHKS.

A series of Fact Sheets on USDA survey-related activities and publications has been placed on the Internet. To access the information, enter: gopher.nalusda.gov. Select the following items from the menu:

NAL Information Centers
Food and Nutrition Information Center
Agricultural Research Service/USDA--Nutrition Information
Survey Systems/Food Consumption Laboratory

New Location

The Survey Systems/Food Consumption Laboratory has moved. Our new address and telephone number are:

USDA, ARS
River Road, Unit 83
Riverdale, MD 20737
743-8457

Laboratory staff can be reached in the new offices by replacing the 436 prefix in the old telephone numbers with a 734 prefix. The last four digits remain the same.

Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion

The Nutrition Education units of the former HNIS now comprise the Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion and report to the Undersecretary for Food and Consumer Services. Their address is:

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