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PRODUCT NEWS

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WEB SERVICE RECORDS

Users now have the option to enter service records using the new Web-Based Service Record Entry website which can be accessed from any mobile device. Since the feature is a mobile-friendly website, it can be used on nearly any portable device regardless of operating system, from laptops using Windows 10, to iOS Ipads, or Android-based devices. The Service Record Entry webpage is easily accessible using the predominant browsers on those devices.

Users will log in to the website using their normal FoodPro credentials to access their service records.

Next, they will select their Location (if required), Date, and Meal. Users will then select to enter Patrons or Portions.

While entering Patrons, users can enter Event Codes and Descriptions like they could with the VB program.

An added feature is that the Service Record information is loaded on to the device, so that they can be used in "offline" mode in case data signals (wifi or otherwise) are not available.

Another benefit of using the web-based service records is that it will virtually eliminate the need to use paper for this daily task.

To use this new enhancement, Aurora Information Systems will need to setup the initial infrastructure for the web pages (perhaps in cooperation with your campus IT).

Upcoming FoodPro User Conferences:

- University of Texas - Austin: July 2022
- University of Georgia: July 2023
- University of Wisconsin - Madison: July 2024

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NUTRITIVE ANALYSIS FOODDATA CENTRAL DATABASE

Starting with the 3.2 release, we will migrate every FoodPro customer to a new nutrient database solution: the USDA's FoodData Central database. It includes the USDA SR (Standard Release) Legacy data and Branded data (USDA's Global Branded Foods Database) for a total of over 300,000 data entries (at the time of this writing).

The benefit of this change is that the database is *free* and it allows us (Aurora) to maintain control over implementation and any support issues that may arise. Cosmetically, users won't see a vast difference in how any of FoodPro programs work, we are simply changing the database we are using for sourcing nutrition information.

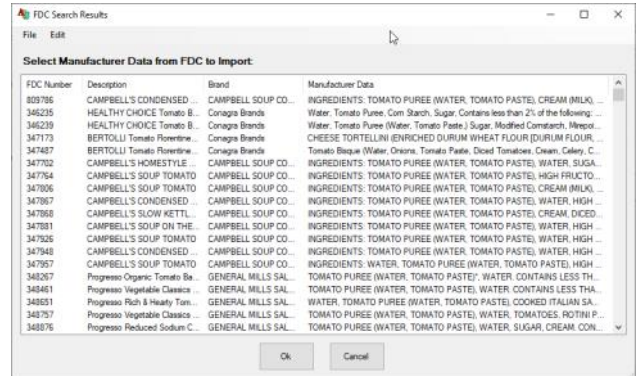
If your school tends to use more custom-created NDB pointers, then this back-end change won't really affect you. However, we do invite you to search the new database for branded products that are in use since the FDC Branded Items database is much larger than the previous one.

This transition will require some additional steps that will occur with your 3.2 upgrade. We will need to install the FDC database (which also may require us to install an instance of SQL Server). We will also need to run a conversion utility to retain your current NDB data.

GLOBAL INVENTORY

Import Manufacturer data from FoodData Central

After converting to the USDA's Food Data Central database, Manufacturer Data can be imported from that database by using the new Import feature in the Global Inventory program.



Allergen Defaults

When creating\adding new Inventory Items, it is now possible to assign a selection of default allergens if it is preferred. The Modify Allergens utility under the Tools Menu features a "Selected" column with checkboxes. This column is used to select the allergens to be used as default allergens.

TRANSFER MARKUPS - GROUPS

Markup Groups are a new feature that can represent groups of recipes or items that require unique markups as compared to other recipes or items.

For example, perhaps a central kitchen wants to charge more for grab-n-go salads because they are more labor intensive, or maybe the recipes\items are being "sold" to a non-dining department (e.g., childcare) and they want to charge more for those specific products.

Markup Groups are created in Location Maintenance and are tied to a single location, therefore different locations will have a unique set of Markup Groups. Once Markup Groups are established, they can then be associated to Location Inventory or Recipes as needed.

Markup Group:

Markup Pointer:

GLOBAL RECIPE

Global Recipe now allows users to enter ingredient quantities in grams. Bakeries may find this new feature particularly helpful as this will help chefs\cooks create recipes that are solely based on weight measurements for all ingredients (wet, dry, etc).

Additionally, the Location Batch Recipe program can use the new gram weight options to generate batched recipes using grams\kilograms.

Note: this feature does not allow for liquid metric measurements (ml/L)

Ingred. No	Ingredient Name	Amount
3793	Flour Cake	11 KG 340 GM
4535	Shortening Hi Ratio Plus Tiff	7 KG 938 GM
5231	Sugar Granulated Bulk 50lb	13 KG 608 GM
5025	Spice Salt Bulk	425.25 GM
9999	Water	16 KG 590 GM

MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES

Maintain Nutrient Database

The “Where Used” Report for this program has been enhanced to expand the information displayed on the report. The new version not only displays the inventory items linked to the NDB, but it also displays the recipes and menus within each inventory item.

Location Recipe Maintenance

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Location Inventory Maintenance

Replicated Lists: can sort columns by name or number. Additionally, Storage Area Sequences have been extended to 99999.

Service Needs Maintenance

The Batch Recipes feature now includes allergens.

Budget Maintenance

This program has been enhanced with two new features. In Global, users will be able to populate multiple locations at once, while in Locations, users will be able to populate multiple weeks at a time.

Receiving Report & Print Vendor Orders

These two reports have been enhanced to enable them to be exported to .csv files.

Maintain Nutrient Standards

This program features several “quality of life” enhancements. Users can now “Preview” the report to the screen and then export it, if desired. They can select a row and “Clear” it of its contents. They can reset the DRI back to the program’s original dataset and/or they can use the Refresh button to revert changes made since their last save. Lastly, they can use the Save button to save any changes made.

ACI Maintenance

This program has been enhanced to allow users to “Reforecast Changes Only” when a season has been modified.

Inventory Import Interface

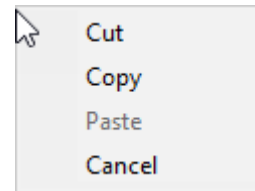
The Inventory Import Interface has been modified to add flexibility to the program. Items can now be defined with any Recipe Unit (LB, QT, EA) in the Default Template utility. A new RU/PU column has been added that will auto-fill by evaluating the pack size. The program can now import comma separated value and tab separated value files (and not just pipe-delimited).

RECIPE/ITEM SERVED REPORT

The program offers a new feature that allows users to Filter by Menu. When filtering by menu, users can select Cycle or Standard Menus, then they build a list of menus using Seasons (the first digit of the menu number) and Days (the second and third digits of the menu number). Once the list of menus has been built, users can select one or more menus to utilize for generating the final Recipe/Item Served Report.

INVENTORY COUNT BOOK

The terminology for the moving or copying of items within the Inventory Count Book program has been changed to more intuitive terms. Users will now “Cut” and “Paste” instead of “Move to” and “Copy” instead of “Copy to”.



Essentially, users will now select the row(s), then either select “Cut” or “Copy”, and then move their pointer to the destination row and then select “Paste”.

USER PROFILES

A new optional column has been added to the program, “Last Login”, that displays the date and time of the last time that user was logged into FoodPro. The information will be captured regardless of how the users logged were logged in (HostAccess, MyFoodPro, and Catering).

LOCATION COST SUMMARY

A new feature has been added that will eliminate the “double processing” that occurs with the Location Cost Summary and Inventory Analysis. Under the Options Menu, users can now select to Print or Preview the Inventory Analysis when the Location Cost Summary is being processed. This feature is available in both Global and Locations.



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TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Aurora Information Systems offers both Onsite and Web-based training sessions. Onsite training allows Aurora to visit your campus, and work with your staff in any group size that fits your needs. There is a 2 day minimum requirement for scheduling Onsite training.

Web-based training is available for a minimum of 4 hours (then 1 hour increments thereafter). Contact Aurora Information Systems for more information!

PURCHASING COMPARISON REPORT

This new program has been developed to allow users to compare purchasing information for a group of items between two time periods.

The report will display the results in terms of quantities (in lbs.) and the percent change between the two time periods. Additionally, this report can be exported to a .csv file natively (as opposed to exporting through Crystal Reports).

CLOSE LOCATION UTILITY

To make the process of closing locations a bit easier, a new utility has been created. This utility will go through the appropriate FoodPro files for the selected location and delete\clear them which will allow the user to close the location much easier.

Warning: this should only be done when working with Aurora Information Systems to close the location. Loss of data will occur and will not be retrievable unless a FoodPro backup has been created.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

Each new year potentially offers 3rd party software upgrades. The following software versions are available with FoodPro Release 3.2 (some will require separately scheduled updates):

- Rocket Software's UniVerse version 11.3.1.6024 (64bit only),
- Rocket Software's U2 Web Development Environment (WDE) version 5.3.0.3529 (The .3529 version switches from licensed Java to OpenJDK)
- Perforce Software's HostAccess 7.40j
- SQL Server 2017 (Full or Express)
- USDA's FoodData Central

CONSIDER ADDING FOODPRO MODULES

The FoodPro System is a robust and modular system designed to meet the needs of Food Service Operations. Over the years Aurora Information Systems has developed a number of optional enhancements that enables operations to custom-fit FoodPro to their business. Aurora will work with each client to install and test the new module and provide ongoing support as needed. Aurora Information Systems also prides itself on providing custom software solutions for our customers as their needs change and evolve. Contact us today to see how we can provide a solution to your situation!

AVAILABLE ENHANCEMENT MODULES:

- ◇ Catering Sales Office Module
- ◇ Nutritive Analysis
- ◇ Commissary Production Module
- ◇ FoodPro on the Go!
- ◇ Vendor Bid & Orders Interface
- ◇ Transfer Interface
- ◇ POS Interface & Sales Reporting
- ◇ Accounts Payable Interface
- ◇ Web Catering Module
- ◇ Menus on the Web
- ◇ EDI Invoicing Interface
- ◇ Guiding Stars Nutrition Interface
- ◇ Custom Labels (Barcode and Point-of-Service)
- ◇ Label Data Export Interface
- ◇ Menu Data SQL Export Module
- ◇ Waste Tracking and Reporting Module
- ◇ Inventory Import Module