

Arizona's Participation in the National School Lunch Program (December 2005)

Agency Comments *(reproduced from page 36 of the full report)*

Auditors provided a preliminary draft of this report to ADE for technical review and comment. ADE provided technical corrections and clarifications, which auditors incorporated as appropriate. Regarding the first recommendation, ADE indicated that it has been unable to reconcile NSLP data between the two databases due to data quality and timing issues. ADE indicated that it strongly agrees with the second recommendation to consider other poverty indicators, such as Census Bureau data or Food Stamp/TANF eligibility. Using Census Bureau data for state-funded programs would be consistent with the requirements for the federal Title I program.