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J.T.M. Food Group
www.jtmfoodgroup.com

One of the most popular booths

with *SN* Secret Shoppers, **J.T.M. Food Group** showcased a number of timely solutions at ANC 2014 in Boston. One highlight was its Portion Packed Steel Cut Oatmeal with Brown Sugar, cited with high praise by one Shopper: "There is no other product like this. It's easy to cook and serve and very trendy. Great-tasting product!" Another Shopper was impressed with its "clean label," boasting just three ingredients. "It's nice to see a product for school nutrition be so clean," said this Maryland-based Shopper. A third member of the Shopper team noted, "I am always looking for new products for breakfast-in-the-classroom. This one excited me!" The frozen product features easy heat-and-serve prep and can be menued with USDA Foods dry fruit.



In addition, "J.T.M. has great-tasting beef-and-mushroom products in both meatballs and patties. I've been searching for a product like this with a good flavor profile, a cleaner label and a moist finish," reported one enthusiastic Shopper from Colorado. "All this and the product counts as 2 meat/meat alternates and ¼ cup other/additional vegetables. It's a great product for speed-scratch applications." A fellow member of the *SN* Shopper team agreed, calling it "A nice, moist burger, with a great flavor; easy to bake, allergen-free."



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Serv-Pak Corporation
www.serv-pak.com

Even if your school nutrition operation doesn't have a large, dedicated central production facility, you may still find yourself in need of some packaging equipment to help you prep items for breakfast-in-the-classroom sites, vending machines, kiosks and even quick-serve lines in the cafeteria. *SN*'s Secret Shoppers encourage you to check out the "great solutions" from **Serv-Pak Corporation**. In particular, consider the Quickpak 5 System, with speeds of up to 30 packages per minute. Crystal-clear packaging allows you to showcase your high-quality, scratch-prepared items. With a range of items from cold bags to ovenable, multi-vent hot bags, the packaging system is touted as labor-efficient. School nutrition programs can even use branded text and images with high-definition printing on bags and film. "The Quickpak 5 system with bag blower is genius," said one enthusiastic Shopper.



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Power Fresh Kids, LLC
www.powerplayte.com

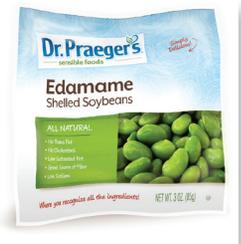
Want a "fun and colorful way to teach and encourage young students about healthy eating?" *SN* Secret Shoppers found an

answer in the Power Play'te program from **Power Fresh Kids, LLC**. At the core of the program are paper plates that offer children a brightly colored reminder that half of their plate should be filled with fruits and vegetables. Participating schools choose (at least) one day a week as Power Play'te Day. Activities include morning announcements, lesson plans, a video, parent flyers and, of course, the paper plates. "It was a cute nutrition education program," cited one Shopper, pleased that the curriculum is free with purchase of the plates. In particular, she liked stickers that boast "I'm a taster, not a waster!" Another Shopper thinks this is a great tool that will catch the eye of youngsters.



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Dr. Praeger's Sensible Food
www.drpraegers.com/foodservice

Finding a vegetarian source of protein isn't always easy, but edamame from **Dr. Praeger's Sensible Food** fits the bill. Each half-cup of the edamame in a pod contains 10 grams of protein, while the shelled version contains 8 grams per half-cup. It's also a good source of fiber and is free from saturated fat and cholesterol.



Secret Shoppers also noticed the company's veggie burgers and veggie balls; one remarked that they were "Flavorful vegetable entrée options with flavors that include world cuisine profiles such as Asian, Indian and Thai." Other flavors include TexMex and Italian. Dr. Praeger's also offers a gluten-free veggie burger.

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Fat Cat Scones
www.fatcatscones.com

From scones to biscuits to "Oat Chewies," *SN*'s Secret Shopper team deemed the products from **Fat Cat Scones** "delicious." One Shopper especially enjoyed the pumpkin spice scone flavor—although the pastries come in *multiple* flavors, including banana, chocolate chip and cranberry orange—and appreciated that the scones were available in whole grain. The Oat Chewies are also a "very good" whole-grain option that meets requirements and comes in four flavors: cinnamon apple, cocoa, strawberry and blueberry.

