Farm to School a wealth of opportunities for farmers







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The New Jersey Department of Agriculture Division of Food and Nutrition administers the following Federal Nutrition Programs:

School Nutrition

National School Lunch Program School Breakfast Program After School Snack Program Special Milk Program Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)

- Summer Food Service Program
- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- USDA Food Distribution DoD-Fresh Program
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program
- And the <u>unmandated</u> Farm to School Program









- Through the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Farm to School Program, schools throughout New Jersey can partner with NJ farmers to source more than 100 types of Jersey Fresh produce grown here in the Garden State.
- Serving healthy meals in school cafeterias will improve student nutrition, provide healthy options and nutrition education opportunities that will last a lifetime, as well as support local farmers.
- The Farm to School Program includes schools garden activities, school meals, taste tests, nutrition education and supports local procurement.
- Schools, Summer Meal Sites and Preschools are the perfect places to highlight local products and feature fresh food, agriculture and nutrition education.
- <u>www.farmtoschool.nj.gov</u>



Nutrition Education & Taste Tests

















SCHOOL GARDENS

•School gardens increasingly connect students to fresh fruits and vegetables, creating lifelong healthy eating habits.











Local Procurement

• Local foods are purchased, promoted and served in the cafeteria or as a snack or taste-test



https://findjerseyfresh.com/









How do Farmer's Fit into the Equation

- Farm-Field Trips
- Farmer Assemblies
- School Garden Installations



Local Procurement or selling produce to schools



The NJDA Farm to School website is a great resource with a wealth of knowledge to help get you started!

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Jersey Tastes!

A Year-Round Celebration of the Garden State's Fruits & Vegetables







CELEBRATE WITH US!

Jersey Fresh Farm to School Week 2020 September 21-25th





October is National Farm to School Month



Farm Recognition Award Program



USDA Grants and Loans

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NOTE:

Eligibility guidelines can be quite specific, so be sure to confirm your eligibility on the webpage for the grant or loan program before applying.

In addition, non-eligible entities can often partner

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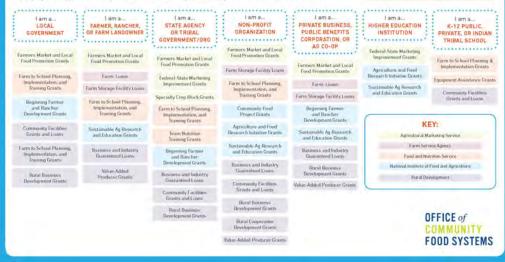
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United States Department of Agriculture

USDA GRANTS AND LOANS that Support Farm to School Activities

Funding from the US Department of Agriculture is available to assist farms, schools, and every link in between in feeding kids healthy local meals; teaching them about food, farming and nutrition; and supporting local agricultural economies. While the programs listed below provide a good starting point for those looking to bolster farm to school efforts, other USDA grant and loan programs support local food systems work as well. Visit http://www.usda.gov/farmtoschool for more information.



https://www.fns.usda.gov/cfs





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