Dig in With Farm to School!

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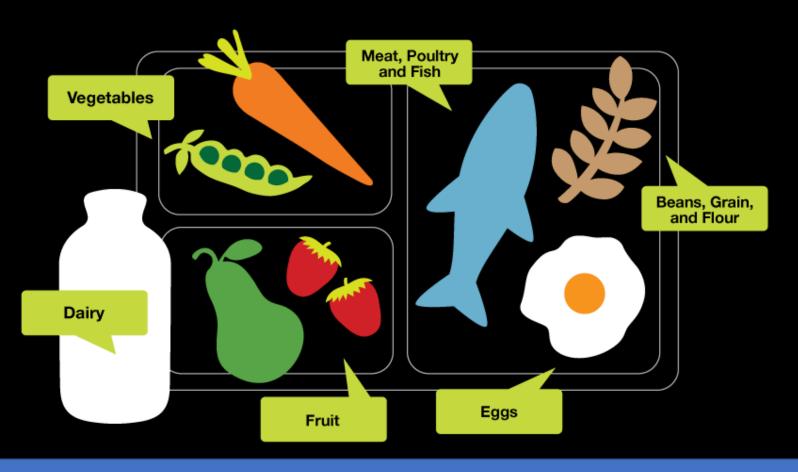
What is Farm To School?



Local Procurement



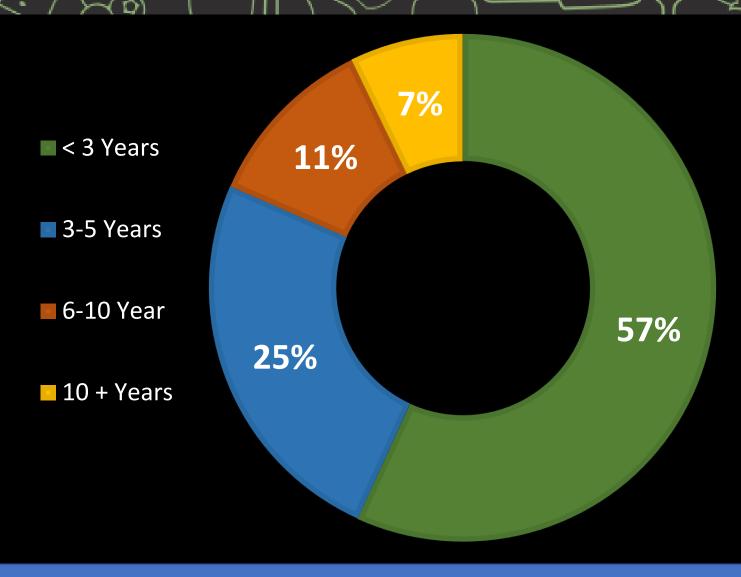
Local Foods Can Span the Meal Tray





Farm to School Activities in Your Community





Length of farm to school participation by school food authorities (SFAs)

USDA Farm to School Program

Our 3 Pillars of Work:

- 1. Distribute grant funding to improve access to local foods in schools.
- 2. Disseminate research and data on existing programs and opportunities for expansion.
- 3. Provide training and technical assistance to improve access to local foods in schools.



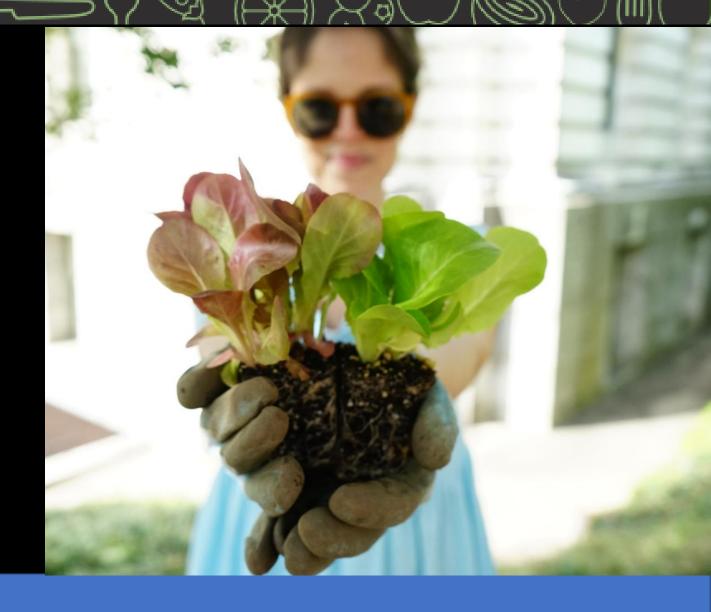
Farm to School Stakeholders



- Students
- Teachers
- Parents and community members
- School administrators
- Food service staff
- Local Producers

USDA Farm to School Grant Program

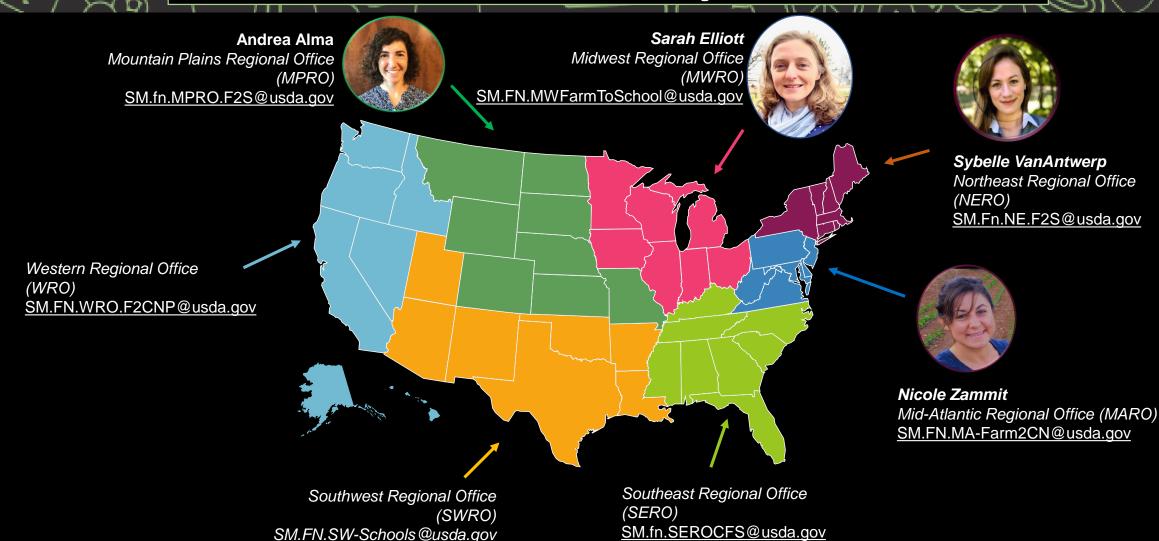
- Since 2013, USDA has awarded over \$64 million to 896 grantees
- FY 2022 announcement coming soon!
- FY 2023 RFA to open this fall





Technical Assistance

Farm to School Specialists





USDA Farm to School Resources



Farm to School e-letter - The Dirt!

Delivered monthly, full of updates, webinar info, relevant news, and field notes.

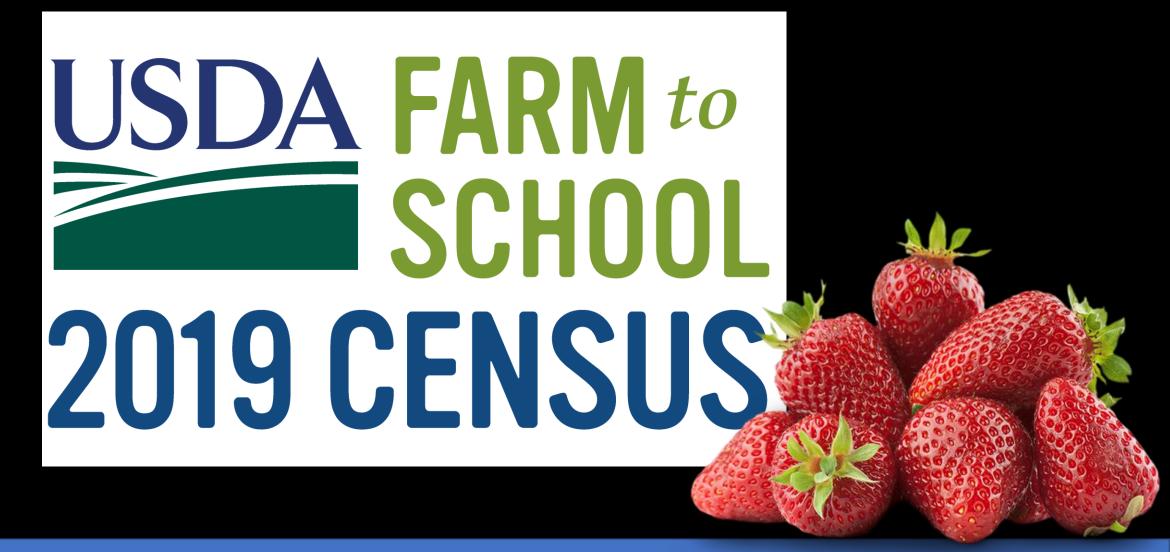
More than 100,000 subscribers!



ICN Child Nutrition Sharing Site Resource Hub



- ✓ Access free resources from various farm to school stakeholders
- ✓ Topics include: Building Your Farm to School Team, Promoting Your Farm to School Program, Resources for Producers and more!
- ✓ Organizations can submit resources via the Farm to School Resource Submission Form





Please contact

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for any questions regarding resources and the Farm to School Grant Program!

National Farm to School Network







Tomas Delgado, Program Manager Based in Illinois



Our Core Functions

A hub for:

Networking

Advocacy

Connecting people to:

Resources

Information

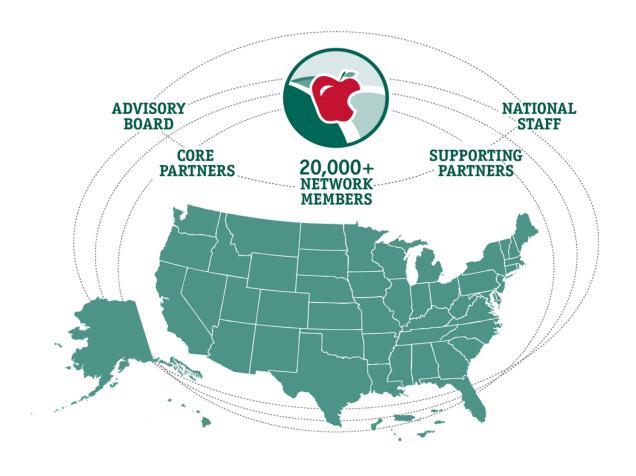
People

Policy



Our Network

- Farm to school is taking place in all 50 states, D.C. and U.S.
 Territories!
- More than 20,000 members
- Nearly 200 Core and Supporting Partner Organizations





Why Farm to School









Join Us

- Become an individual member or become a Partner Organization
- Stay up to date on our network building, policy advocacy, and programmatic work!







Thank You!

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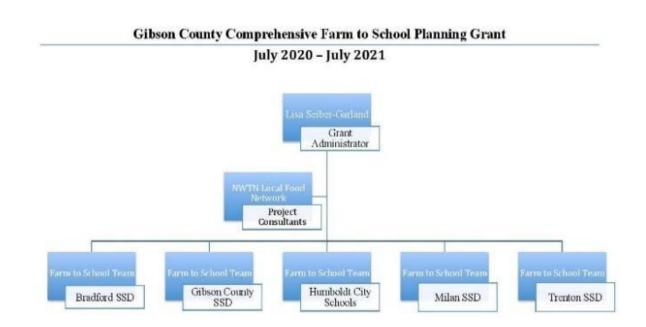




Gibson County Farm to School Planning Team

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- Gibson County is in the rural agricultural farm belt of Northwest Tennessee. The county has five school districts.
 - Bradford Special School District (BSSD)
 - Gibson County Special School District (GCSSD)
 - Humboldt City Schools (HCS)
 - Milan Special School District (MSSD)
 - Trenton Special School District (TSSD)
- The Gibson County farm to school team partnered with the Local Food Network and received a Farm to School Planning Grant for the 2020-2021 school year



Gibson County Farm to School Vision

The Gibson County Farm to School Initiative is a collaboration of five school districts dedicated to utilizing fresh and local produce that fosters nutrition education and healthy lifestyles through secured partnerships between the community and local farmers.































Through our planning grant we initiated relationships with the following farmers:

- ▶ Mike Katrutsa, Mike's Produce, Camden, (731) 220-2927, mikekatrutsa@gmail.com
- Derek and Micayla Giffin, Giffin Farms, Union City, (731) 446-8142, giffinfarms@gmail.com
- Denton Parkins, Green Acres Farm, Milan, (731) 686-1403, greenacresfarmmilantn@gmail.com
- Robert Gilliland, Mudcreek Farm, Dyer
- David and Jessica Hochreiter, H&H Farms, Mckenzie, (731) 333-1266, david.rogerreed@gmail.com
- James Miller, Chris Miller, Blackberry Pond Farm, Martin, (731) 587-5336, blackberrypondfarm@gmail.com
- Kim Ward, Rollin Snow, Bells, (731) 336-5195, rollinsnowballs@gmail.com
- Seth Lee, Turtle Hollow Farm, Milan, (615) 739-8454, turtleandtheteacher@gmail.com
- ► Timothy Brady, Dixie Chile Ranch, Kenton, (731) 225-0456, dixiechileranch@gmail.com
- ▶ Dan Hostetler, Springhill Family Pastures, Paris, (731) 336-7152, springhillfamilypastures@gmail.com
- ► Charles Cowen, Cowen Blackberry Farm, Bradford, (731) 234-3549, adcowen@hotmail.com
- Tyler Smith, Future Visions Farms LLC, Paris, (731) 336-4892, futurevisionsfarms@gmail.com
- ▶ Bell Family Farms, Gleason, (731)234-7377
- Steele Plant Farms, Gleason, (731) 648-5476, plants@steeleplantcompany.com
- George's Plant Farm, Martin, (731) 587-9477, george@tatorman.com
- William King, Wilbur's Table, Martin, (731) 514-3144, chefwillking70@gmail.com



ALABAMA FARM TO SCHOOL

BETH SPRATT, FARM TO SCHOOL COORDINATOR

About Me:

- Background
 - LaBelle, FL
 - Family Ag History
- College
 - University of Florida
- Florida Farm to School Work
 - 2015-2020
- Alabama Farm to School Work
 - 2020-Current



FARM TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



- Started Incentive Program
 - \$120,000
 - \$.25/meal
- Won F2S Grant
- Met with farmers
- Attended fall ASNA
- Attended Alabama Fruit & Vegetable Conference
- Partnered with Sweet Grown Alabama
- DoD

- Incentive Program Updates
 - \$220,000
 - \$.20/meal component
- Released HOM Materials
- Released Recipe Book
- Released Adventures in Ag Book
- Hosted farm tour
- Sponsored Jr. Chef Competition
- Attended spring & fall ASNA
- Attended Alabama Fruit & Vegetable Conference
- DoD

- Incentive Program Updates
 - \$300,000
- Applied for F2S Grant
- Attended spring ASNA
- Attended ACDA
- Attended SNA-ANC
- Appling for 3.1 in LFS Grant
- DoD Changes





Need More Acres Farm

Scottsville, Kentucky

Farm to Cafeteria





Bowling Green Independent Schools (Urban)



Allen County Scottsville Schools (Rural)



Education & Data Collection



DID YOU KNOW?

- Kale can be green, blue-green, purple, and white with different shaped leaves.
- Kale is one of the most nutrient dense foods on the planet.
- It contains more vitamin C than an orange and as much calcium as milk!
- Pair this leafy green with a healthy fat, like olive oil or avocado, so your body can absorb all the fat-soluble vitamins.





DID YOU KNOW?

- Sometimes mistaken for a root vegetable, the bulbous stem of Kohlrabi grows above the ground rather than below it.
- The turnip-like tops of kohlrabi are full of nutrients and should not be wasted!
- Enjoy kohlrabi either raw or cooked for a delicious and nutritious treat.



- We're related to parsley. Don't you think our feathery green tops look like parsley?
- Doctors say that we improve vision, especially at night because of our very high level of vitamin A (carotene).
- ·We were one of the earliest vegetables ever grown.





DID YOU KNOW?

- Brussels sprouts are a cruciferous vegetable related to the cabbage family, explaining their appearance of tiny cabbages!
- One serving of Brussels sprouts gives you the recommended daily dose of vitamin C as well as a hefty serving of vitamin K.
- They also have a powerful cancer-fighting compound called sulforophane, shown to inhibit the progression of cancer cells.







COVID Response





On Farm Education



Farming, Culinary Arts, & Community Organizing High School Coop



Q&A Panel

