



Washington
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Agriculture



WSDA Regional Markets Program

Farm to School in Washington



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What is Farm to School?



CORE ELEMENTS OF **FARM to SCHOOL**



Why Farm to School?



Students Win



Farmers Win



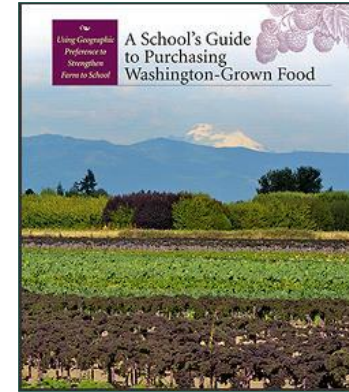
Communities Win

Farm to School Programming at WSDA



- Taste Washington Day
- Trainings and workshops
- Technical assistance for schools and farms
- Factsheets and tools
- Policy, research and surveys
- Special projects
- **Purchasing grants!**

Learn more at <https://agr.wa.gov/farmtoschool>



WSDA Farm to School Toolkit

FOR
SCHOOLS

FOR
FARMERS

RECIPE
TOOLKIT

WASHINGTON GROWN FOOD & RECIPE KIT

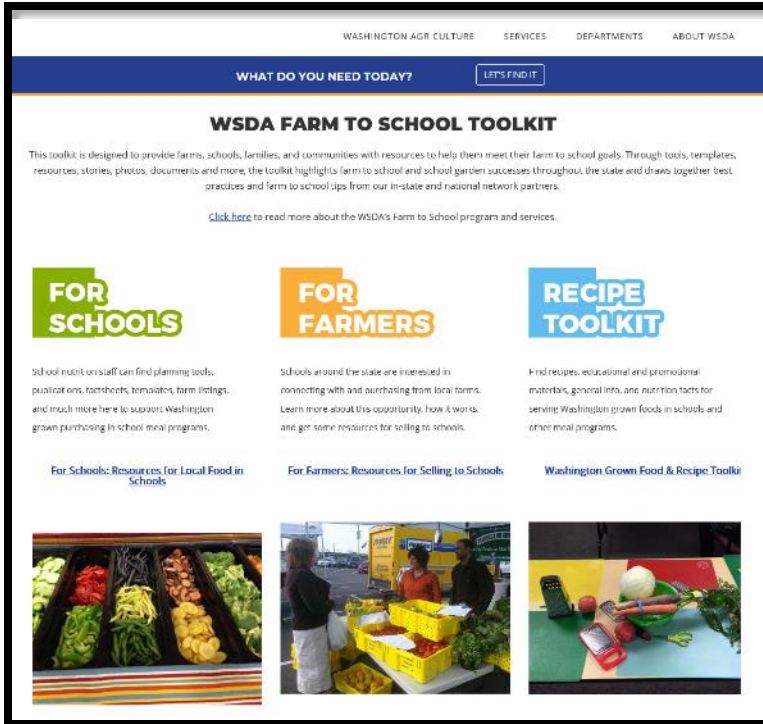


RESOURCES FOR SCHOOL GARDENS AND FARM EDUCATION

Food grown in school gardens can be served in the cafeteria! Learn about best practices for food safety in the school garden and ways to integrate garden produce into school meals.

[READ MORE](#)

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WASHINGTON AGR. CULTURE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS ABOUT WSDA

WHAT DO YOU NEED TODAY? [LET'S FIND IT](#)

WSDA FARM TO SCHOOL TOOLKIT


This toolkit is designed to provide farms, schools, families, and communities with resources to help them meet their farm to school goals. Through tools, templates, resources, stories, photos, documents and more, the toolkit highlights farm to school and school garden successes throughout the state and draws together best practices and farm to school tips from our in-state and national network partners.

[Click here](#) to read more about the WSDA's farm to school program and services.

FOR SCHOOLS

School nutrition staff can find planning tools, presentations, fact sheets, templates, farm listings, and much more here to support Washington grown purchasing in school meal programs.


[For Schools: Resources for Local Food in Schools](#)



FOR FARMERS

Schools around the state are interested in connecting with and purchasing from local farms. Learn more about this opportunity, how it works, and get some resources for selling to schools.


[For Farmers: Resources for Selling to Schools](#)



RECIPE TOOLKIT

Find recipes, educational and promotional materials, general info, and nutrition facts for serving Washington grown foods in schools and other meal programs.

[Washington Grown Food & Recipe Toolkit](#)



Promotion & Education Materials:

Harvest of the Month



Apples
THROW, GROW, SAVE!

Asparagus
THROW, GROW, SAVE!

Broccoli
THROW, GROW, SAVE!

Carrots
THROW, GROW, SAVE!

Cheese
THROW, GROW, SAVE!

Cherries
THROW, GROW, SAVE!

Farm to School + SNAP-Ed



- Taste Testing & Nutrition Ed
 - Harvest of the Month
 - Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program
- Local Food Procurement
 - Outreach to farmers
 - Coordinating orders / deliveries
- Scratch Cooking
 - Equipment
 - Culinary Training
- Wellness Policies



Farm to School + SNAP-Ed



- Local Food Procurement Workgroup

Do you work with a SNAP-Ed eligible school or ECE interested in doing more scratch cooking?



WA SNAP-Ed is offering schools and ECEs up to \$5,000 in kitchen equipment and supplies + consultation and training with a professional chef!



Know a school or ECE that's interested? Scan this QR code to complete a quick survey or contact Shannon Bachtel at Shannon.Bachtel@wsu.edu

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Washington State Farm to School Network

wafarmtoschoolnetwork.org

Regional Hubs with member contact info

Washington State Farm to School Network Regions



Communities of Practice on farm to school topics

Food & Agriculture Education

School Gardens & Farm-Based Education

Farm to ECE

Local Food in School Meals

Network Action Teams work on goals, impacts, communication

Storytelling & Metrics

Outreach & Advocacy

Network Coordination Team

Washington State Farm to School Network Goals

School Gardens & Farm-based Learning

Support school gardens and farms in every willing school

Local Food Sourcing

Increase the amount of local, Washington produced foods purchased and served by K-12 schools.

Food & Agriculture Education

Increase student understanding of where food comes from through education about food, agriculture, and nutrition.

Farm to ECE

Increase the number of early childhood education programs incorporating farm to school.



Save the Date!

**WA State
Farm to School Network
Statewide Gathering**

**Friday, June 9, 2023
Wenatchee**



Contact Us!

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