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BRINGING THE FARM TO SCHOOL

Growing healthy children & communities

$385,771,134

in school food dollars was invested in local communities in the 2011-2012 school year.

40,328 schools

are buying local foods for the school cafetria.

Money invested in agriculture has a positive economic impact on rural *and* urban communities.

That's a lot of lunch money!

We love local farmers!

56% of schools

say they will buy more local food in the future.

Expect growth in these product categories in the future: **plant-based proteins, herbs, meat or poultry, eggs, and grains/flour.**

78% Fruit

75% Veggies

37% Fluid Milk

22% Baked Goods

18% Other Dairy

Local foods span the school meal tray

Start your tractors!

23,513,237 students

are learning to make lifelong healthy eating choices.

With farm to school programs, kids are more likely to eat their fruits and vegetables and try new, healthy foods.

Healthy habits take root

Beyond serving local foods at mealtime, schools are planting gardens, visiting farms and turning the cafeteria into a classroom.

Local farmers make the grade, A+!

THE FARM to SCHOOL CENSUS

To determine the prevalence of farm to school programs, USDA surveyed an estimated 13,133 public school districts across the country. Approximately 9,887 districts responded for a total response rate of over 75%.

HUNGRY FOR MORE?

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