

# Florida Farm to School

Connecting growers with schools to provide local products to Florida children



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*Promoting local procurement of Florida products,  
nutrition and agriculture education and school gardens*

Why is Farm to School important?	What is the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services doing?	How can you help?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increases the amount of fresh, local foods served in schools;</li><li>• Enhances students' academic achievement;</li><li>• Supports Florida's economy;</li><li>• Provides agriculture and nutrition education to children;</li><li>• Builds a relationship between local farmers and schools; and</li><li>• Creates opportunities for students to enjoy local produce.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Connecting schools with local farmers, producers and distributors;</li><li>• Developing agricultural and nutrition based lesson plans featuring Florida products;</li><li>• Offering workshops on developing and sustaining school gardens;</li><li>• Providing training for school food service staff on preparing fresh foods; and</li><li>• Creating school food service recipes that incorporate Florida products.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encourage schools to serve local Florida products;</li><li>• Talk to children about nutrition and making healthy food choices;</li><li>• Encourage hands-on learning by starting a school garden;</li><li>• Teach children about agriculture by visiting a farm; and</li><li>• Support the state's economy by buying local Florida products.</li></ul>

**Florida's Farm to School initiative enhances the connection that communities have with local growers to increase Florida products served in schools, offer healthier options for Florida's school children and get students involved in nutrition and agriculture education through school garden activities.**

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