NATIONAL FARM TO SCHOOL HISTORY

1997 The Community Food Security Coalition (CFSC) and the Urban & Environmental Policy Institute (UEPI) at Occidental College provided early leadership and spurred early innovation.

1997 USDA works to connect small farms to school meal programs.

2002 First National Farm to Cafeteria Conference held.

2004 Child Nutrition Reauthorization officially authorizes National Farm to School Program in statute.

2007 National Farm to School Network launched.

2008 Farm Bill gave more flexibility in procurement.

2009 USDA Farm to School Team established.

2010 Child Nutrition Reauthorization created a $5 million annual Farm to School Grant program.

2013 USDA conducted the first nationwide Farm to School Census.

2013 USDA conducted a second Farm to School Census.