FARM TO SCHOOL
2015 Minnesota Leadership Team Report

WHAT WE DO

Mission
Work through partnerships across Minnesota to build Farm to School initiatives that help kids eat healthy, support nearby farms, foster economic vitality, and strengthen communities.

Principles
- Build relationships
- Coordinate and collaborate on efforts
- Respect multiple approaches
- Contribute to strong internal communication
- Avoid duplication

LEADERSHIP TEAM BENEFITS

Connect Sectors  Improve Credibility  Leverage Resources
Policy Education  Build Capacity  New Funding Opportunities

Current and previous leadership team members:
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota • Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy • Minnesota Department of Agriculture • Minnesota Department of Education • Minnesota Department of Health • Minnesota Department of Human Services • Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture • Minnesota School Nutrition Association • Regional Sustainable Development Partnership • Renewing the Countryside • Schoolyard Garden Coalition • USDA Rural Development • University of Minnesota Extension
FARM TO SCHOOL BY THE NUMBERS

Minneapolis school districts engaged in Farm to School

United States Department of Agriculture

Minnesota school districts engaged in Farm to School in 2011-2012

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy and the United States Department of Agriculture

CORE ELEMENTS OF FARM TO SCHOOL

STUDENTS
Increased: fruit and vegetable consumption, physical activity, academic achievement, food-system awareness.

SCHOOLS
School meal participation increased on average 9%, improved cafeteria operations, improved food service staff morale.

FARMERS
Increased income an average 5% and increased diversification and new opportunities.

COMMUNITY
For every $1 spent, $2.16 of economic activity is generated and families have increased food security and positive diet changes.

MINNESOTA
School districts participating in farm to school activities

NATION
School district participating in farm to school activities

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USDA Farm to School Census Data

| Yes (44%) | Plan to start in the future (13%) | No (38%) | Don’t know (6%) |

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