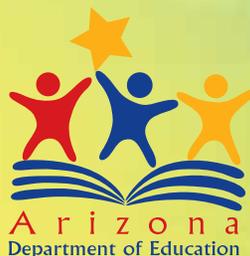


## Farm to School Partners

- United States Department of Agriculture
- Arizona Department of Agriculture
- Arizona Department of Health Services
- University of Arizona Cooperative Extension
- Arizona Farm Bureau
- Slow Food Phoenix
- Community Food Connections
- National Farm to School Network



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**Bridging the gap  
from field to plate**

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## What is Farm to School?

Farm to School is an initiative based on connecting local farmers and schools in an effort to enhance school food. The growing movement to increase access to local foods has been evident for years. Now, Arizona is coordinating its efforts to ensure that children have access to Arizona Grown products in school meals. Benefits include:

1. Investing in Arizona's local ranchers and farmers thereby supporting your local economy
2. Helping meet the needs of Child Nutrition Programs by providing access to fresh and healthy food
3. Supports education initiatives by providing innovative learning techniques in and outside of the classroom

## Enhances all Child Nutrition Programs

- National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs
- After School Snack Program
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program
- Summer Food Service Program
- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- DoD Fresh Produce Program

## Key Components of the Arizona Farm to School Program

- Serving locally and/or regionally grown or produced goods in school meals and snacks
- Teaching science, language arts and math through the concepts of nutrition, agriculture, and food safety to enhance each District's curriculum in these core subjects
- Farm tours
- Agriculture in the Classroom <http://azfb.org/programs/agriculture-in-the-classroom.html> and Agricultural Literacy programs <http://cals.arizona.edu/agliteracy/>
- Seasonal menus
- Community involvement

## Local and Regional Defined

The Arizona Department of Education defines local as anything grown or produced within the state. Regional is defined as anything grown or produced within the following states: Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Southern California, and New Mexico.



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## Consider Engaging

- School Foodservice Staff
- Students
- Teachers
- School Administrators
- Parent Teacher Association
- School Board Members
- Farmers & Ranchers
- County Cooperative Extension
- County Farm Bureau
- Local Food Organizations
- City Council Members
- Arizona Department of Education
- Arizona Department of Agriculture

## External Resources

National Farm to School Network  
[www.farmentoschool.org](http://www.farmentoschool.org)

United States Department of Agriculture  
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/f2s/>

Know your farmer Know your **food** <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/knowyourfarmer?navid=KNOWYOURFARMER>

“Everything is right about farm to school: healthy fresh food, enhanced economic opportunity for farmers, and education for children about where food comes from. That's a trifecta!”

–Kathleen Merrigan, Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture