

Arizona Farm to School Network Work Plan Review 2019-2021

The *Arizona Farm to School Network*, is a project of the Arizona Department of Education and envisions an Arizona food system in support of schools, producers and industry partners (like distributors and processors) that works to engage children in healthy eating and making connections to where food comes from.

Arizona Farm to School Network Mission Pillars:

1. Serve children healthy school meals state-wide
2. Educate children with nutrition and agriculture education programs and where applicable experiences in the garden.
3. Serve producers by supporting marketplace growth for Arizona grown and raised products through institutional purchasing in schools.

Goal 1: Increase educational experiences offered to children across the state and/or in specified regions that teach Arizona agriculture and that encourage children to choose healthy options more often at meal time.			
Objective	Actions in 2019	Actions in 2020	Actions slated in 2021
1.1 Increase <i>Local Wellness Policies</i> with using language supportive of food-based education			Follow ADE's (Spring 2021) Training Catalog
1.2 Food-based education objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 Farm to Summer Week Challenge • <u>Cucumber Pilot Project</u> • 2019 Farm Fresh Challenge to NSLP • Arizona School Garden Sustainability Series 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Carrot Pilot Project</u> • 2020 Farm to Summer Week Challenge • 2020 Farm Fresh Challenge to NSLP • 2020 Farm Fresh Challenge to CACFP • Arizona School Garden Sustainability Webinar Series • Virtual Food Education Webinar (October) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arizona Agriculture Curriculum & Resource Review Panel • 2021 Farm Fresh Challenge to CACFP (March) • 2021 Farm to Summer Week Challenge (June) • 2021 Farm Fresh Challenge to NSLP (October)

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Goal 2: Increase access to Arizona produced foods for use in school meal programs state-wide			
Objective	Actions in 2019	Actions in 2020	Actions slated in 2021
2.1 increase % of local foods in schools, by food groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 Farm to Summer Week Challenge • Pilot Project #1: Armenian Cucumbers • 2019 Farm Fresh Challenge to NSLP • Farm to Child Nutrition Program Business Meeting Series • Local options within USDA Foods in Schools Program (DoD Fresh) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Carrot Pilot Project</u> • 2020 Farm to Summer Week Challenge • 2020 Farm Fresh Challenge to NSLP (monthly) • 2020 Farm Fresh Challenge to CACFP • Farm to Child Nutrition Program Business Meeting Series Canceled due to COVID-19 • Local options within USDA Foods in Schools Program (DoD Fresh) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish Local Purchasing Incentive Program for NSLP • 2021 Farm Fresh Challenge to CACFP (March) • 2021 Farm to Summer Challenge to SFSP/SSO (June) • 2021 Farm Fresh Challenge to NSLP (October) • COVID-19 Impact Producer Survey (Spring 2021)
2.2 Increase % districts with <i>Local Wellness Policies</i> supportive of geographic preference/ local procurement			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow ADE's (Spring 2021) Training Catalog
2.3 Increase % districts using geographic preference/ local procurement strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 Farm to Summer Week Challenge • 2019 Farm Fresh Challenge to NSLP • Farm to Child Nutrition Program Business Meeting Series 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot Project #2: Rainbow Carrots (Spring 2020) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow ADE's Food Systems Editorial Series, Spring 2021

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Goal 3: Increase <i>sustainable</i> school garden programs across the state of Arizona			
Objective	Actions in 2019	Actions in 2020	Actions slated in 2021
3.1 increase % of <i>Local Wellness Policies</i> include garden related language			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow ADE's (Spring 2021) Training Catalog
3.2 Increase number of school gardens from 209 to 250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018 Beginning School Garden Grant Program closed in 2019 Arizona School Garden Sustainability Series 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arizona School Garden Sustainability Webinar Series 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow AZFB's School Garden Grantees (Spring 2021)
3.3 Increase number of school gardens that are active beyond 3 years.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install Regional Chairs
Goal 4: Increase comprehensive and sustainable Farm to ECE Programs in Arizona			
Objective	Actions in 2019	Actions in 2020	Actions slated in 2021
4.1 Build ECE Provider Capacity via Professional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed Online Training Content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test Developed Online Training Content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning Collaborative using tested online training series

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