

Minnesota Farm to School Resource List

Getting Started

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[USDA Office of Community Food Systems](#)

[Farm to School Month](#)

[National Farm to School Network](#)

[Finding Local Foods](#)

[Benefits for Farm to School](#)

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Toolkits from Minnesota

[Direct Purchasing of Local Foods](#)

[Minneapolis Public Schools Farm to School](#)

[Minnesota Thursdays](#)

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Producer Supports

[University of Minnesota Extension On-Farm Food Safety](#)

[Renewing the Countryside](#)

[Land Stewardship Project](#)

Food Hubs

[The Good Acre](#) (Falcon Heights, MN)

[Sprout](#) (Little Falls, MN)

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Rules and Regulations

[Local Foods Advisory Committee \(LFAC\)](#)

[MDE Procurement and Contracts](#)

[USDA Local Procurement](#)

[Food Innovation Team \(FIT\)](#)

Funding Opportunities

[AGRI Farm to School Grants](#)

[AGRI Farm to Early Care and Education Grants](#)

[AGRI Urban Agriculture Grant Program](#)

[Other AGRI Grants](#)

[Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom](#)

[MDA Specialty Crop Block Grant](#)

[Statewide Health Improvement Program \(SHIP\)](#)

[USDA Farm to School Grant Program](#)

Farm to School Leadership Team

The [Minnesota Farm to School Leadership Team](#) works through partnerships across Minnesota to build farm to school initiatives that help young people eat healthy, support nearby farmers, foster economic vitality and strengthen communities.

Member organizations:

[University of Minnesota Extension](#)

[Minnesota Department of Agriculture](#)

[Minnesota Department of Education](#)

[Minnesota Department of Health](#)

[Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy](#)

[Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture](#)

[Minnesota School Nutrition Association](#)

[Minnesota School Garden Coalition](#)

[Renewing the Countryside](#)

[USDA Rural Development](#)

Statewide Supports

[Statewide Health Improvement Program \(SHIP\)](#)

[Local Contacts with SHIP in your Community](#)

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