

Connecticut Farm to School

Farm to school (FTS) refers to efforts that bring regionally produced foods into schools, exposing students to local food through the cafeteria and hands-on learning activities such as gardening, farm visits, and culinary classes. FTS programs elevate the health of children and communities while supporting local agriculture and local economies.

Mission: To elevate the health of children and communities while supporting local agriculture and local economies through FTS efforts.



USDA FTS Fact Sheets:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/fact-sheets>

Resources

Schools/Cafeterias

- *Procuring Local Foods for Child Nutrition Programs:* https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/f2s/F2S_Procuring_Local_Foods_Child_Nutrition_Prog_Guide.pdf
- *National Farm-to-School Network:* <http://www.farmtoschool.org/>
- *New England Dairy & Food Council:* <http://www.newenglanddairycouncil.org/schools/farm-to-school/>

Curriculum

- *Project Food, Land & People:* <http://www.foodlandpeople.org/>
- *Connecticut Ag in the Classroom:* <http://ctaf.org/ag-in-the-classroom/>

Gardens

- *Farm and Garden Produce Safety:* <http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/resource-library/food-safety/farm-and-garden-produce-safety>
- *School Garden Resource Center:* <http://commongroundct.org/environmental-center/school-garden-resource-center/>

Marketing

- *Put Local On Your Tray:* <http://putlocalonyourtray.uconn.edu/>
- *Farm to School Census:* <https://farmtoschoolcensus.fns.usda.gov/>



Purchasing

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