



USDA Farm to School Program

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Role of OCFS

1. Distribute **grant funding** to improve access to local foods in schools.
2. Provide **training and technical assistance** to improve access to local foods in schools.
3. Disseminate **research and data** on existing programs and opportunities for expansion.



Farm to School Grants



- ❖ Since FY 2013, FNS has awarded 563 Farm to School Grants totaling over \$35 million, reaching all 50 states, DC, Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.
- ❖ FY 2019 awarded \$9.4 million in support of over 120 projects.
- ❖ FY 2020 Farm to School Grant RFA Applications Due December 13

Apply now!

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=321407>



THIRD FARM TO SCHOOL CENSUS in 2019.

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*The Census surveys **all public, private, and charter SFAs operating the National School Lunch Program** in all 50 states, as well as Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Washington D.C.*

A graphic for the Farm to School Toolkit. It features a yellow sign with a brown post and a hole at the top, set against a blue sky with a white cloud. The sign is in a field of green grass. In the background, there is a red barn with a white door and a white silo with a purple top. The top of the image has a green border with white line art of various farm items like carrots, a pig, a cow, and a fork.

Farm to School **TOOLKIT**

**Bring the farm
to your school**



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news, and resources!

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