

## California K-12 School Plant-Based Products & Vendors

See below for a list of climate-friendly, plant-based school food vendors available for California schools.

**Friends of the Earth does not endorse any of these products.** We are providing this list to make it easier to find plant-based ready-made products for school districts that require these products. For school districts with cooking capabilities and enough staffing, scratch-cooked meals using whole and minimally processed foods can be a healthier, more affordable alternative to processed plant-based options that may include unhealthy additives and unnecessary fillers. Depending on kitchen facilities, staff limitations, student acceptance and other factors, schools must do what is feasible for them; and both freshly prepared and pre-made plant-based products are a positive alternative to industrially produced meat.

This list contains non-GMO plant-based products that are minimally processed and use mainly whole, organic ingredients. For more options, please visit Balanced's [Plant-Based Product Directory](#). For a deeper dive into the nutrition and processing considerations associated with plant-based foods, Friends of the Earth refers to Eat REAL's developed [guidance document](#) for K-12 school foodservice professionals.

### Interested in getting connected to these vendors?

Email Friends of the Earth's Climate-Friendly School Food Program Plant Based Consultant:  
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## Alternative Proteins (Chicken, Sausage, Meatballs, Tofu etc.)



### Adda Veggie

Website: <https://www.addaveggie.com/>

K-12 Sell Sheet: [Adda Veggies - OneDrive \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

Products can be used as patty, crumble, meatloaf, etc.

- Original Blend
- Chipotle Adobe
- Indian Masala Blend

\*Based and operated in the SF Bay Area

\*Gluten-Free

\*Minority/Woman owned

\*Non-GMO

\*Products are shelf stable (18 months)

\*Distributed by US Foods



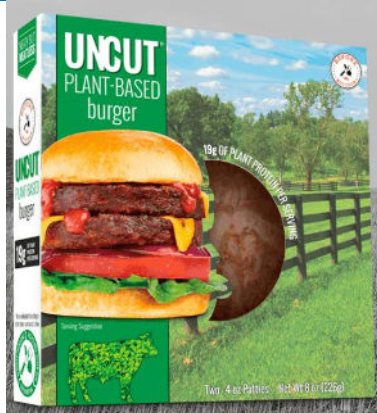
### American Bean LLC

Website: <https://americanbean.com/>

- Black Bean Burger Patties
- Falafel Nuggets
- White Bean Puree
- Crispy Yellow Split Peas (BBQ, Sea Salt, Jalapeño)
- Falafel Stix & Falafel Tots
- Garbanzo bean Wonton Noodles

\*Non-GMO

\*Allergen Free



### Before the Butcher

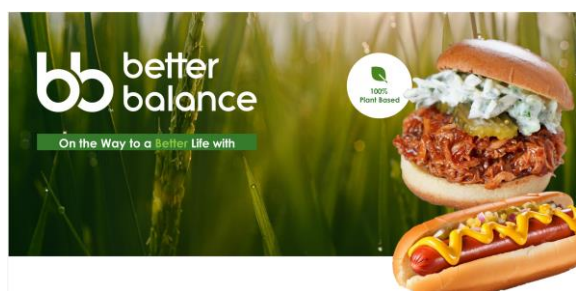
Website: [Before the Butcher \(btbfoods.com\)](https://www.btbfoods.com)

- Plant-Based Taco Beef Crumbles
- Plant-Based Chorizo
- Plant-Based Sausage Breakfast Patty
- Plant-Based Burger Patty
- Plant-Based Chicken Shreds
- Plant-Based Italian Sausage Crumble

\*Based in San Diego, CA

\*All Products are Non-GMO

\*Gluten-Free



### Better Balance

Website: <https://www.betterbalancefoods.com/>

- Plant-Based Hot Dog
- Plant-Based Shredded Meat
- Plant-Based Grounds
- Plant-Based Sour Cream
- Plant-Based Cheese Sauce

\*Most products are sourced from pea protein

\*High in protein and Non-GMO

\*Gluten free and soy free hot dog

\*Received 2024 Award from Expo/West for “Best Plant-Based Hot Dog”



### Better Chew

Website: <https://eatbetterchew.com>

- Plant-Based Shredded Steak
- Plant-Based Shredded Chicken
- Plant-Based Ribs
- Plant-Based Macaroni and Cheese

\*All products have only 6-7 ingredients

\*Distributed in California Bay Area

\*Minority owned and operated

\*Non-GMO ingredients



### BountiFoods

Website: <https://www.bountifoods.com/index.php>

- Plant-Based Chicken Leg
- Plant-Based Burger
- Plant-Based Nuggets
- Plant-Based Crab Cakes

\*Based in California Bay Area

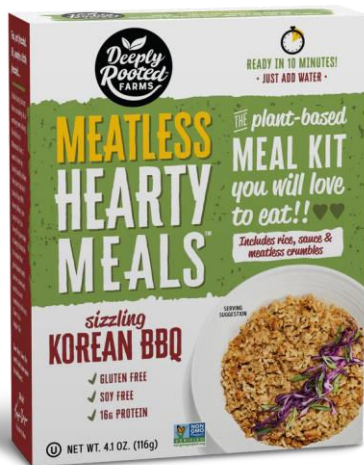
\*Women founded

\*Non GMO

\*Allergen free

\*Works with Sysco and Goldstar

**\*Product Formulation Statement on all products**



### Deeply Rooted

Website: [www.eatdeeplyrooted.com](http://www.eatdeeplyrooted.com)

- Plant-Based Protein Crumbles (Korean BBQ, Italian, Mexican seasoned)

\*Soy Free

\*Gluten Free (GF)

\*High in Protein

\*Woman owned and operated

\*Products are shelf stable (18 months)



### Dr. Praegers Sensible Foods

Website: <https://drpraegers.com/foodservice/>

- Black Bean Quinoa Burger
- Broccoli Littles (GF)
- Chickenless Tenders, Chickenless Nuggets, Chickenless Strips
- Vegan Burger
- Vegan Breakfast Sausage
- Vegan Meatballs (GF)
- Shelled edamame

**\*All products listed above CN Labeled**

\*All products listed above are non-GMO

\*Certified Kosher



### Don Lee Farms

Website: <https://www.donleefarms.com/plant-based-meat-protein>

- Better Than Beef Crumble (Certified Organic), Sweet Potato and Sunflower Seed Burger (Certified Organic, GF), Chipotle Black Bean Burger (\*CN Labeled, Certified Organic, GF)
- Cauliflower Bites (Certified Organic, GF), Veggie Bites (Certified Organic, GF)
- Chickpea, Lentil, and Curry Bowl (Certified Organic), Organic Superfoods Veggie Bowl (Certified Organic)

\*California owned and operated

\*Non-GMO



### Ground Pro Crumbles

Website: [GroundPro - Savor the Flavor \(firstproteins.com\)](http://GroundPro - Savor the Flavor (firstproteins.com))

- Meatless Lentil Crumbles
- Shelf stable – 18 months
- Reconstitutes with water
- Can be used in tacos, tostadas, nachos, marinara sauce, lasagna

\*Non-GMO

\*Organic

\*No MSG

\*Only 8 ingredients



### Hungry Planet

Website: <https://www.hungryplanetfoods.com/food-service/>

- Plant-Based Beef Classic Patty, Plant-Based Beef Premium Patty, Plant-Based Chipotle Chicken Patty
- Plant-Based Beef Meatballs, Plant-Based Ground Beef
- Plant-Based Crab Cakes, Plant-Based Crab - Ground
- Plant-Based Pork Gyoza, Plant-Based Pork Thai Meatballs, Plant Based Pork Ground Chub
- Plant-Based Italian Sausage Crumble, Plant-Based Italian Sausage Chub, Plant-Based Italian Sausage Meatballs
- Plant-Based Crispy Fried Chicken, Plant-Based Grilled Chicken Strips, Plant-Based Grilled and Diced Chicken, Plant-Based Ground Chicken
- Plant-Based Chorizo Chub

\*Non-GMO

\*Product Formulation Statement for Italian Sausage Crumble



### Rebellyous

Website: <https://rebellyous.com/>

- Plant-Based Kickin' Tenders
- Plant-Based Kickin' Patties
- Plant-Based Kickin' Nuggets

\*All products equal 2 M/MA

\*Product Formulation Statements available

\*Non-GMO

\*Women-founded and operated

Spent Yeast +  
Spent Beans

2-ingredient  
meat



**Sustainable Meat**

With a meaty taste

### Planetarians

Website: <https://www.planetarians.com/>

- Planetarians Savory Strips
- Versatile product – can be chopped or ground or used whole

\*8 ingredients total

\*Non-GMO, based in San Francisco CA

\*More protein than beef, more fiber than an apple

\*Ready to heat and serve

\*Product Formulation Statement available



### North Coast Seafoods

Website: <https://www.northcoastseafoods.com/>

- Kelp Burgers
- Kelp Meatballs

\*Non-GMO, Climate-Friendly

\*Meatballs 2 MA, burgers 1.5

\*Massachusetts based; working with CA distributors – Sysco & Goldstar

\*Product Formulation Statements Available



**The BE Hive**

Website: <https://thebehive.com/>

- Bacon
- Chipotle Chorizo
- Pepperoni
- Italian Crumbles
- Deli Sliced Roast Beef
- Deli Sliced Turkey

\*Vegan – made with Seitan (all products)

\*All products are non-GMO

\*Based in Nashville, TN – works with Sysco

\*Versatile storage and cooking methods

\*Product Formulation Statements in process



**Tofurky**

Website: <https://tofurkey.com>

- Plant-Based Turkey Deli Slices
- Plant-Based Shredded Cheddar
- Plant-Based Shredded Mozzarella
- Plant-Based Hot Dogs
- Plant-Based Pepperoni Slices

\*100% GMO – Soy Free

\*Based in Oregon – works with Sysco and Goldstar

\*Invests in animal welfare and environmental initiatives

\*PFS's available on all products

**Breakfast Vendors**



**Nature's Fynd**

Website: [Nature's Fynd - Fungi-Based Foods for Optimists \(naturesfynd.com\)](http://naturesfynd.com)

- FY = Fungi-based protein
- Meatless Breakfast Patties – original and maple
- Dairy-Free Cream Cheese (Original, Chive & Onion)
- PB Individual Yogurt – peach, strawberry, vanilla

\*Low Fat

\*Non-GMO



**Zero Egg**

Website: <https://zeroegg.com>

- Zero Egg Liquid (Frozen bag)
- Zero Egg Patty

\*No Cholesterol

\*Non-GMO, Gluten-Free

\*Free of Preservatives

\*California based



### The Vegg Scramble

Website: <https://thevegg.com/nutritional-facts/>

- Vegan egg yolk (GF) (liquid)
- Vegan egg replacer for baking (liquid)

\*No added fillers

\*Non-GMO



### Three Little Birds

Website: <https://www.threelittlebirdsshop.com/>

Granola:

- Apple Crisp
- Cranberry Crunch
- Banana Chocolate Chip

\*Woman-owned

\*Free from all top 12 allergens

\*Available in 1.25 oz single serve packets or 20 lb bulk bags

\*Non-GMO

\*No Oils

\*Only 2g Sugar

## Cheese



### Daiya Foods

Website: [www.daiyafoods.com](http://www.daiyafoods.com)

- Plant-Based Parmesan shreds, Cheddar shreds, Mozzarella shreds, Mexican 4 cheese shreds, Spicy Monterey jack shreds, Cheddar slices, American slices, Smoked Gouda Slices, Mozzarella slices, Swiss slices, Provolone slices, Mozzarella sticks, Cheddar sticks
- Plant-Based plain cream cheese, Strawberry cream cheese, Chive and onion cream cheese
- Plant-Based cheddar style cheese sauce and alfredo style sauce
- Plant-Based salad dressings: DF Honey Mustard, DF Creamy Italian, Homestyle Ranch, Creamy Caesar, and Blue Cheese.
- Plant-Based Fiesta Breakfast Burrito, Homestyle Breakfast Burrito, Santa Fe Burrito, Santiago Burrito, Tex Mex Burrito, Tuscan Burrito
- Plant-Based Vegetable Crust Pizzas: Italian Herb and Cheese, Meatless Pepperoni Style with Jalapenos, and Mediterranean.

\*All Products Gluten-Free (GF)

\*Lactose-Free

\*Non-GMO



### Upfield

Website: <https://www.upfield.com/>

- Plant-Based Cheese: shredded, slices, blocks, cream cheese
- Plant-Based Whipping Cream

\*Non GMO

\*Allergen Free

\*Sustainable

\*Manufacturing GFSI certified

\*Factories are zero waste to landfill

## Dressings



### Follow Your Heart

Website: <https://followyourheart.com>

- Ranch Salad Dressing
- Thousand Island Salad Dressing
- Cesar Salad Dressing
- Blue Cheese Salad Dressing
- Creamy Avocado Oil Ranch Salad Dressing
- Honey Mustard Salad Dressing

\*Gluten-Free (GF)

\*Non-GMO



	<p><b>Daiya Foods</b>  Website: <a href="http://www.daiyafoods.com">www.daiyafoods.com</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homestyle Ranch Salad Dressing</li> <li>• Creamy Caesar Salad Dressing</li> <li>• Blue Cheese Salad Dressing</li> </ul> <p>*All products Gluten-Free (GF)  *Lactose-Free  *Non-GMO</p>
	<p><b>Primal Kitchen</b>  Website: <a href="https://www.primalkitchen.com/">https://www.primalkitchen.com/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant Based Ranch Salad Dressing</li> <li>• Plant Based Cesar Salad Dressing</li> </ul> <p>*No Artificial Sweeteners  *Certified Gluten Free  *Made with Avocado Oil</p>
	<p><b>Hidden Valley</b>  Website: <a href="https://www.hiddenvalley.com/">https://www.hiddenvalley.com/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plant Powered Ranch Salad Dressing</li> <li>• Plant Powered Spicy Ranch Salad Dressing</li> </ul> <p>*Gluten-Free (GF)</p>
	<p><b>Healthy Choice</b>  Website: <a href="https://www.healthychoice.com/">https://www.healthychoice.com/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creamy Italian Salad Dressing</li> <li>• Garden French Salad Dressing</li> <li>• Greener Goddess Salad Dressing</li> <li>• Creamy Balsamic Salad Dressing</li> </ul> <p>*No Soy  *No Added Sugars</p>



**Mother Raw**

Website: <https://motherraw.com/>

- Mediterranean Salad Dressing
- Lemon Garlic Salad Dressing
- Cesar Salad Dressing
- Japanese Salad Dressing
- Ranch Salad Dressing
- Greek Salad Dressing
- Italian Salad Dressing
- Roasted Garlic Salad Dressing
- Lemon Tahini Salad Dressing
- Balsamic Salad Dressing
- Poppy Seed Salad Dressing
- Smoky Chipolte Salad Dressing

- \*Organic
- \*Non-GMO
- \*Gluten-Free (GF)
- \*Soy and Canola Free



**Walden Farms**

Website: <https://waldenfarms.com/>

- Thousand Island Salad Dressing
- Ranch Salad Dressing

- \*Gluten-Free (GF)
- \*Kosher



**Simple Truth**

Website: <https://www.kroger.com/b/simple-truth>

- Plant Based Ranch Salad Dressing
- Plant Based Cesar Salad Dressing
- Plant Based Spicy Ranch Salad Dressing

- \*Non-GMO

## Tofu



### Hodo Foods

Website: <https://www.hodofoods.com>

- Tofu All Day Egg Scramble (Certified Organic), Tofu Mexican Egg Scramble (Certified Organic)
- Thai Curry Tofu Nuggets (Certified Organic), Tofu Chinese Five Spice Nuggets (Certified Organic)
- Tofu Veggie Burger (Certified Organic), Tofu Cajun Burger (Certified Organic)
- Tofu Spicy Yuba Noodles (Certified Organic)
- Soy Milk (Certified Organic)

\*All Products Gluten-Free (GF)

\*Minority-owned

\*Non-GMO

\*Operated out of Oakland, CA



### Franklin Farms

Website: <https://www.franklinfarms.com/>

- Tofu Veggie Burgers
- Veggie Meatballs
- Seitan, Tempeh, Water-Packed Tofu, Tofu Bites, Fusion Tofu (Curry, Italian, Mediterranean) and other Tofu products
- Plant-Based Breakfast Patties and Links
- Chickpea Tofu

\*Non-GMO

\*California based

## Breads, Beans, Pastas



### The Bean Story

Website: <https://beanstory.co/>

- Beans: Black, Calypso, Garbanzo, Heirloom Mixed, King City Pink, Old Indian, Peruano, Crimson, Rio Zape, Tiger's Eye, Cranberry

\*Single-Origin

\*1% For the Planet

\*Recyclable Packing

\*100% Organic- All grown in the US

\*Partnered with farms committed to growing organically and regenerating the land



### **Dos Pisano's Bakery**

Website: [Dos Pisano's \(dospisanos.com\)](http://dospisanos.com)

- Whole Grain French Croissant
- Baked Plain Bagel
- Parisian Sourdough Baguette
- "Sicilian Style" Pan Pizza Focaccia
- Sliced Whole Grain Sourdough Bread
- 10" Whole Grain, Non-GMO Flour Tortilla
- "Pasta Kits" in progress – local WG pasta, homemade marinara
- Pre-made Bean and Rice Tamales – ready to serve

\*Preservative Free, Non-GMO

\*PFS's on all products – all products credit as a 2.0-2.5 Grain

\*Sysco and Danielsen Distribution

\*Produced in Northern California



### **Dr. Schar USA, Inc.**

Website: [www.drskar.com](http://www.drskar.com)

- Vegan breads, rolls, and buns

\*Gluten-Free (GF)

\*Non-GMO



### **Honore Farm and Mill**

Website: <https://honoremill.org/>

- White quinoa
- Artisan whole wheat berries for salads and sides
- Cracked artisan wheat berries for salads and cereals
- Artisan stone-milled 100% whole grain flour for muffins, pasta, biscuits, rolls and quick breads

\*Heirloom grain varieties - durum Hourani, Sonora, Red Fife and Rye

\*Founded in Marin County, California. Women owned and operated

\*Non-GMO

\*Organic

\*High protein content



### The Only Bean

Website: [The Only Bean | Organic High Protein Pasta & Healthy Snacks](https://theonlybean.com)

- Edamame Spaghetti, Black Bean Fettuccine, Soy Spaghetti
- Crunchy Roasted Edamame Snacks (sea salt, sriracha, and buffalo ranch)

- \*Organic
- \*Woman owned
- \*Non-GMO
- \*Gluten-Free (GF)
- \*Minority-Owned
- \*High Protein Content

## Other



### AshaPops

Website: <https://ashapops.com>

- AshaPops Waterlily Seed Snacks (Flavors are: Chili, Turmeric, Himalayan Sea Salt and Vegan Cheese)

- \*All Products have only 6-7 Ingredients
- \*All Products Gluten-Free (GF)
- \*Based in Los Angeles, CA
- \*Minority-owned
- \*Non-GMO
- \*Smart Snack Compliant



### Aveyo Avocado Mayo

Website: [aveyolife.com](https://aveyolife.com)

- Plant Based Avocado Mayo (Chipotle and Original flavors)

- \*8 ingredients or less
- \*Preservative Free
- \*Non-GMO



### Bob's Red Mill

Website: <https://www.bobsredmill.com/>

- Almond flour, rye flour (Certified Organic), whole wheat flour (Certified Organic)
- Dry milk powder, egg (non-dairy) powder (GF)
- Oatmeal (Certified Organic), muesli (Certified Organic), red quinoa (Certified Organic), tri-color quinoa (Certified Organic), kamut (Certified Organic), sorghum, buckwheat (Certified Organic), millet, bulghur, farro (Certified Organic), pearl barley, grain teff
- Whole grains and beans soup mix, red/brown/petit lentils, mung beans, cannellini beans, split peas, chickpeas, lima beans, wild and brown rice mix
- Chia seeds (Certified Organic), flax seeds (Certified Organic), pumpkin seeds (Certified Organic)

\*Gluten-Free (GF) line available

\*Non-GMO

\*100% Employee-owned



### Flavor Temptations

Website: <https://flavortemptations.com/>

Indian Spice Kits and Sauces:

- Indian Masala Curry Sauce and Garam Masala Spices
- Curried Potatoes Spice Kit
- Chicken Tikka Masala Spice Kit
- Beef Vindaloo Spice Kit
- Chana Masala Spice Kit
- Butter Chicken Spices

\* Organic, vegan, non-GMO, gluten-free



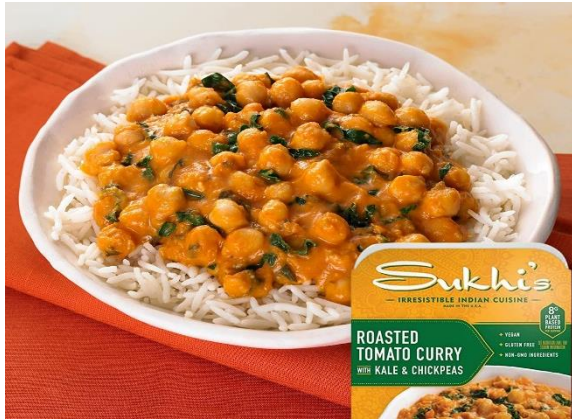
### Follow Your Heart

Website: <https://followyourheart.com>

- Vegan eggs (liquid)
- Plant-Based Salad Dressings: Ranch, Caesar, Thousand Island
- Vegenaise (Mayonnaise Substitute)
- Plant-Based Cheese

\*Gluten-Free (GF)

\*Non-GMO



### Sukhi's Gourmet Indian Food

Website: <https://sukhis.com>

- Dal Saag (GF), Chana Masala (GF)
- Lentil Kale Dal (GF), Butternut Squash Dal (GF), Cauliflower Lentil Dal (GF)
- Madras Potatoes (GF), Madras Vegetable Curry (GF)
- Lemon Rice (GF), Basmati Pilau (GF)
- Large Potato and Mixed Vegetable Samosas
- Tikka Masala Sauce (GF), Mango Chutney Salad Dressing (GF), Cilantro Chutney Salad Dressing (GF)
- Classic Curry Paste (GF), Tikka Masala Paste (GF), Madras Curry Paste (GF), Vindaloo Paste (GF), Tandoori Marinade (GF)
- Kale and Chickpea Tomato Curry (GF)

\*Based in South San Francisco, operated in California

\*Minority-owned

\*Non-GMO, except Kale and Chickpea Tomato Curry



### Snacktivist Foods

Website: <https://snacktivistfoods.com/>

#### Baking Mixes:

- Plant Protein Pancake and Waffle Mix (GF)
- Artisan Bread Mix (GF)
- Rosemary Garlic Focaccia Mix (GF)
- Dark Chocolate Brownie Mix (GF)
- Cookie Base Mix (GF)
- All-purpose Flour
- Turmeric Falafel Mix

#### Frozen:

- 12" WG Pizza Crust
- Vegan Brownie Bites
- Vegan Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough

\*Woman-owned, B-corp food brand

\*Free from all nine allergens

\*Non-GMO

To see more offerings, visit the Plant-Based Product Directory at <https://www.balancedlunchtray.com/directory>