



# Farm to School Census Results Overview

## Overall Key Census Findings

Learn more about top findings from the Farm to School Census.

### SFAs using local food in school year 2018-2019

SFAs report using local food in a variety of Child Nutrition Programs. Using local foods at lunch was most commonly reported.

		Percent of F2S SFAs in Program	Number of SFAs
Use local foods in <a href="#">NSLP</a>		71.7%	8,824
Use local foods in <a href="#">SBP</a>		68.4%	7,373
Use local foods in the <a href="#">FFVP</a>		68.1%	2,551
Use local foods in <a href="#">CACFP</a>		79.2%	2,216
Use local foods in <a href="#">CACFP At-Risk</a>		65.7%	1,606
Use local foods in <a href="#">SFSP/SSO</a>		69.4%	3,493

34.3%

12,334 Schools



### Schools with edible gardens

One third of responding SFAs operate edible gardens where food is grown. Gardens are a popular way to teach students where their food comes from, to inspire youth toward careers in agriculture, and to produce food for use in Child Nutrition Program meals or snacks.

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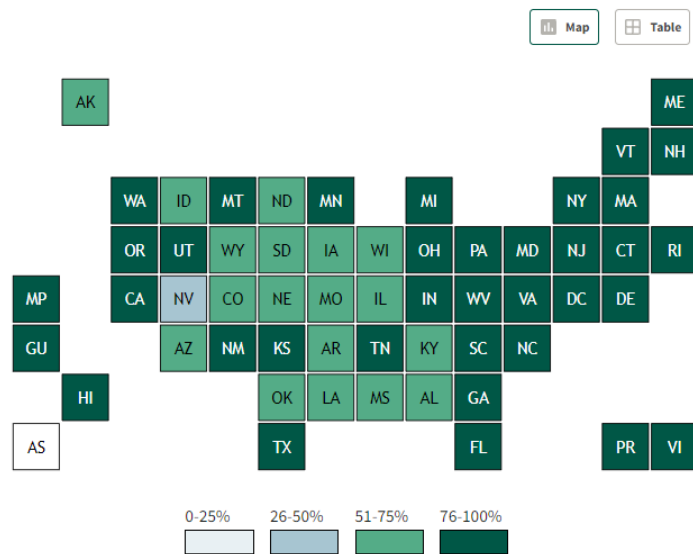


### National spending on local foods by SFAs

Farm to school SFAs estimated that they spent about 20 cents of every food dollar to buy local food during the 2018-2019 school year.

## States across the nation are featuring local foods on their school menus

This data reflects the percent of responding school food authorities (SFAs) participating in farm to school that reported serving local food in school meals in each State.



## Farm to school isn't just about what is on the lunch tray

This data shows the different strategies that responding school food authorities (SFAs) participating in farm to school use to teach children about food, nutrition, and agriculture and how many SFAs use these strategies

		Percent of F2S SFAs	Total F2S SFAs
Hold taste tests & cooking demos		33.5%	4,128
Use USDA Team Nutrition materials		11.8%	1,457
Use educational edible school garden		20.9%	2,573
Hold student field trips to farms		30.7%	3,776
Have Farmers Visit		15.3%	1,879
Do farm to school activities in pre-K		12.9%	1,593

## Edible school gardens are growing in States across the country

This data reflects the percent of responding school food authorities (SFAs) participating in farm to school that reported operating food producing gardens in each State.

