Farm to School

a wealth of opportunities for farmers





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The New Jersey Department of Agriculture Division of Food and Nutrition administers the following Federal Nutrition Programs:

School Nutrition

National School Lunch Program
School Breakfast Program
After School Snack Program
Special Milk Program
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)

- Summer Food Service Program
- Child and Adult Care Food Program
- USDA Food Distribution
 DoD-Fresh Program
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program
- And the <u>unmandated</u> Farm to School Program





- Through the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Farm to School Program, schools throughout New Jersey can partner with NJ farmers to source more than 100 types of Jersey Fresh produce grown here in the Garden State.
- Serving healthy meals in school cafeterias will improve student nutrition, provide healthy options and nutrition education opportunities that will last a lifetime, as well as support local farmers.
- The Farm to School Program includes schools garden activities, school meals, taste tests, nutrition education and supports local procurement.
- Schools, Summer Meal Sites and Preschools are the perfect places to highlight local products and feature fresh food, agriculture and nutrition education.
- <u>www.farmtoschool.nj.gov</u>



Nutrition Education & Taste Tests

















SCHOOL GARDENS

•School gardens increasingly connect students to fresh fruits and vegetables, creating lifelong healthy eating habits.











Local Procurement

 Local foods are purchased, promoted and served in the cafeteria or as a snack or taste-test



https://findjerseyfresh.com/









How do Farmer's Fit into the Equation

- Farm-Field Trips
- Farmer Assemblies
- School Garden Installations
- Local Procurement or selling produce to schools









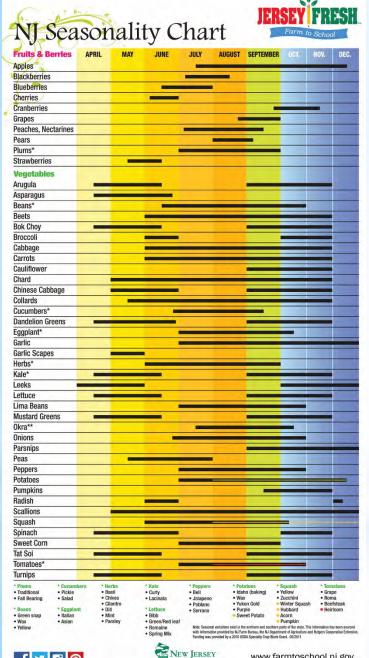
The NJDA Farm to School website is a great resource with a wealth of knowledge to help get you started!

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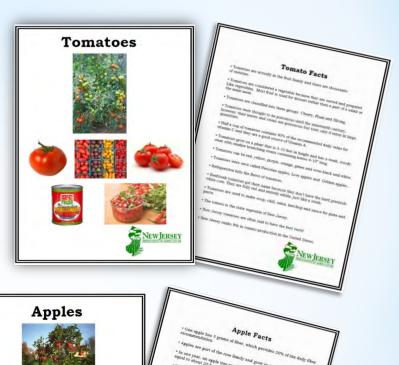


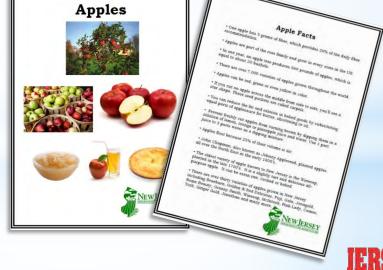






New Jersey Seasonality











Jersey Tastes!

A Year-Round Celebration of the Garden State's Fruits & Vegetables







CELEBRATE WITH US!

Jersey Fresh Farm to School Week 2020 September 21-25th









Farm Recognition Award Program





New Jersey We're looking for the **best farm** in FARM TO SCHOOL!

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