

About Us

The Farm to School program is designed to offer expertise and support to all areas of the state to pursue farm to school activities and interests for pre-school through high school students.

Our goal is to have product produced and/or harvested in Alaska available in the school food environment.

Educating and engaging youth in the food system

Working with local food producers

Working with school food service staff



Sign up for the Alaska Farm to School listserv to stay current on local happenings:

<http://list.state.ak.us/soalists/akfarmtoschool/jl.htm>

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2014 School Gardens

Currently there are 146 Schools out of 489 in the state using a garden or greenhouse with students to teach agriculture education.



Some fun facts:

- That represents 31% of the public K-12 schools in Alaska
- This is up 10% from 2012 for a total of 43 new gardens or greenhouses around the state!
- This represents 75% of the school districts around the state.

Project Ideas

Hold a special day or event that features a food producer or local chef and talk with students and faculty about local food.



Celebrate Alaska Agriculture Day by hosting a Farm-to-School activity or classroom lesson.

Have a potluck for the staff using local foods and invite a local chef to make dessert.



Start a farmer correspondence program or take a field trip to a nearby garden or farm.

Get Involved

October is National Farm to School Month



Participate by getting your school active in a farm to school activity.

Visit http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/ag_FTS.htm for farm to school activity ideas and resources.



Also check out these other great websites

National Farm to School Network:
<http://www.farmtoschool.org/>
USDA Farm to School:
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/farm-school>