



Massachusetts Farm to School strengthens local farms and fisheries and promotes healthy communities by increasing local food purchasing and education at schools.

Support Farm to School in Massachusetts

Please support farm to school efforts and our work across the Commonwealth by **supporting level funding of \$120,000 for Farm to School within the FY 2020 Department of Agricultural Resources budget.**

Please visit www.massfarmtoschool.org for more information or contact Lisa Damon, lisa@massfarmtoschool.org.

What We Do

Training & Technical Assistance

Provide support and professional learning opportunities for farmers, food service directors, distributors, and other organization.

Outreach & Communications

Coordinate the Harvest of the Month promotional campaign, as well as develop and distribute resources to support local foods procurement and food & agriculture education.

Research & Advocacy

Organize & collaborate for strong state and national policies to support farm to school work.

Network Development

Coordinate the Massachusetts Farm to School Network and participate in regional and national farm to school efforts to strengthen our collective impact.

Our Work Promotes

Farm Viability & Economic Development

- Help farmers and fishermen access institutional markets for their products. 110 farms report selling directly to institutions. 25% of farmers report increasing their production to meet institutional demand.¹
- In 2015, Massachusetts school districts spent an estimated \$10.26M on local food.²

Healthy Food Access & Education

- Farm to school programs increase children's consumption of fruits and vegetables and strengthen knowledge of agriculture, food, nutrition, and the environment. Since 2005, the number of MA school districts engaging in farm to school activities increased from 10% to 68%.³
- Across Massachusetts, 170 institutions highlight local fruits, vegetables, dairy, and seafood every month throughout the year.

¹2015 Mass. Farm to School Farmer Survey

²2015 USDA Farm to School Census

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