

Wisconsin Farm to School

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

August 18, 2016 | 'Summer's lease hath all too short a date.' - Shakespeare
In today's Wisconsin Farm to School newsletter, you will find:

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General Updates

Share Your Farm to School Success Statewide: Write an Op-Ed!

Summer is a great time to amplify your farm to school success through an Op-Ed or featured story shared with local media! Take the opportunity to highlight your unique garden-based summer programming for kids; local food processing and freezing; farmer relationships; and summer meals programs that feature local foods. Even better, you can promote the farm to school and farm to early care work that you're planning for the year ahead, laying the groundwork for National Farm to School Month events and perhaps even introducing new partners to the Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch in October. July and August are a great time to feature these stories. Use [this success story template](#) and resource guide to write up your success and share it with your local media.



Register for Farm to School Month Events

October is National Farm to School Month, and our favorite month to celebrate and share farm to school in the region! Are you ready for the following fun promotional events and campaigns in October? It's never too early to start preparing. Sign up and get more information at the links below:

- Download the 2016 #F2SMonth resources here, including fact sheets, logos, posters and stickers! www.farmtoschool.org/our-work/farm-to-school-month (Scroll to bottom half of page)
- [Sign up to be a National Farm to School Month Outreach Partner](#)
- Sign up and be a part of the [Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch](#) on **October 13th!**

- Join the region in serving a local tray with the **Midwest Menu** on **October 6th**. **Registration is now open** [Click here to learn more and sign up.](#)

Tools and Resources

Chop! Chop! Resource Guide

The new [Chop! Chop! Resource Guide](#) from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction compliments their great Chop! Chop! [Video series](#) that are instructional tools in helping school food service staff use more fresh produce and whole grains. This guide compiles the recipes featured there and includes crop-specific information. Check it out!



Webinars, Conferences and Events



Wisconsin Farm to Institution Webinar

Two opportunities: August 22nd, 1pm CT or September 14th, 1pm CT

Join representatives of the Wisconsin Farm to Institution Project Team as they share updates on the availability of five locally-produced items through produce or broadline distributors: applesauce, broccoli, carrot coins, potato wedges, and yogurt. This webinar will be geared toward food service professionals at schools, hospitals, and other cafeteria settings who are interested in purchasing these items. Learn more and [sign up to register for a webinar date here.](#)

National Farm to School Month Campaign Review Webinar

Tuesday, August 23, 1-1:30pm CT

Join the National Farm to School Network team as they review this year's Farm to School Month campaign theme, schedule and materials, share ways partners can get involved and answer questions. [Register for the webinar here.](#) Ready to start planning? Check out the [2016 National Farm to School Month Fact Sheet](#), find activity ideas in our [resource library](#), download and print [posters](#) and [stickers](#), and consider using Farm to School Month as a theme for your October calls, webinars or tweet chats.

Webinar: Local Wellness Policies with the CDC & USDA

September 1, 12-1pm CT

Alliance for a Healthier Generation will be hosting a webinar on local wellness policies with the CDC and USDA on Thursday, September 1 from 1-2pm ET. The webinar will help assist you with the implantation of the USDA's new final rule on local school wellness policy.

[Learn more here.](#)

Healthy Hospitals & Clinics Forum

Interested in connecting your farm to school work with the growing movement for farm to hospital? Registration is open for the 2nd annual Healthy Hospitals & Clinics Forum: **What Health Looks Like: Policy, Practice, and Community Connections**. On September 30, join Wisconsin hospitals and clinics for a day of learning and networking. You'll hear inspiring stories from health systems around the state on how they've implemented changes to create a healthier environment. Tracks include: Farm to Hospital, Healthy Food & Beverage, Maternity Care Practices and Sustainability. View more details at wicancer.org/healthyhospitals



Registration Open: Growing Power's Urban and Small Farms Conference 2016

November 18-20 // Milwaukee, WI

Every two years, hundreds of people from around the world travel to Milwaukee to participate in an intensive three day conference that covers urban aquaculture, urban farming, planning strategies, education, youth programming, food policy and food justice. The conference theme for 2016 is Let's Scale it Up! Growing Food and Farmers: Best practices in growing, distribution and community building. It is time for the Good Food Revolution to scale up and really push ourselves to move beyond just one garden or one market but how can we make things better for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world. [Learn more about the conference and register here.](#)

Funding Opportunities

Voices for Healthy Kids Grants

Voices for Healthy Kids has two funding opportunities now accepting applications: Strategic Campaign Funds Open RFA and Incubator Grants. The goal of the grant opportunities is to make effective strategic investments in ongoing state, local, and tribal public policy issue campaigns in order to increase public policy impact on healthy weight and living among children. Voices for Healthy Kids is focusing efforts in schools, community, and out-of-school time/early care and education. Applications are due August 18 (Incubator Grants) and September 1 (Open RFA). [Learn more here.](#)



School Grants for Healthy Kids: WI Schools Apply Today!

Are you looking for funding to support physical activity projects or nutrition initiatives for this school year? You're in luck! Action for Healthy Kids is now accepting School Grants for Healthy Kids applications from Wisconsin schools for the 2016-2017 school year. Funding can be used to support initiatives such as:

- Recess;
- Play Space/Gymnasium Refurbishing;
- Physical Education Equipment;
- Classroom Physical Activity Breaks;
- Nutrition Education;
- School Gardens;
- Healthy Celebrations;
- And More!

Visit actionforhealthykids.org/grants for more information. **Deadline: September 16, 2016. Questions?** Contact Ryan Monroe, rmonroe@actionforhealthykids.org

Job Opportunities

Community GroundWorks is hiring two Farm to ECE Trainers!

The Farm to ECE Trainers will develop and share materials promoting the best practices in farm to early care and education (ECE) through its Growing Capacity for Farm to Early Care and Education project, funded by a grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation.

For a detailed job description, supplement questions, and application instructions please visit their website: <http://communitygroundworks.org/jobs>. **Deadline to apply is August 31, 2016.**

Internships at REAP Food Group, Madison

REAP Food Group is hiring four interns this fall in the following areas: Buy Fresh Buy Local, Farm Fresh Atlas, Communications/Outreach, and Development. These are great opportunities for students interested in local, sustainable food or nonprofits. Applications are due either August 25 or August 31. View position descriptions and application instructions at <http://www.reapfoodgroup.org/about/job-opportunities>.

DATCP AmeriCorps Grant Manager- Farm to School Program (LTE)

This grant-funded position will serve as the AmeriCorps Farm to School Grant Manager responsible for program development, coordination, implementation and overall management of the AmeriCorps Farm to School program. This includes building partnerships with partner site staff and leading the placement of at least thirty AmeriCorps Members in a minimum of sixteen partner sites in the State of Wisconsin. The federal and state AmeriCorps programs require extensive reporting and compliance monitoring and this position will be responsible for these functions. This position will also be responsible for the development of program structure and guidelines; directing service/training; and grant management, including handling the budget and compliance requirements of the project.

This position operates under general supervision and reports to the Director of the Wisconsin Agriculture and Food Center of the Division of Agricultural Development.

To apply, email a resume and letter of interest to paige.rusch@wisconsin.gov.

DATCP AmeriCorps Farm to School Positions: Apply Now!

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection's (DATCP) AmeriCorps **Farm to School Program** is currently recruiting for **Community Outreach Specialists** and **Nutrition Educators** at all partnered host sites for the 2016-2017 service year! Counties hosting AmeriCorps members include Bayfield, Ashland, Washburn, Portage, Waupaca, Manitowoc, Winnebago, Dane, Jefferson, Milwaukee, Rock, Richland, and Crawford Counties. New this year: DATCP welcomes the Wisconsin Rapids School District –serving Wood County- and a collaborative site of Adams, Juneau, and Marquette County Health Departments.

To apply for a position at any of the AmeriCorps host sites or to request more information, click [here](#) or email the Program Manager, Dominique Bradley, at Dominique.Bradley@wisconsin.gov.

Dane County Nutrition Education Program Administrator

The purpose of this position is to provide leadership for the Dane County Nutrition Education Program including: collaborating with local agencies to ensure the delivery of nutrition education to low-income residents (especially people who are eligible to receive SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) or FoodShare), staff training and supervision, and managing the program budget. This position will work collaboratively with the Dane County Healthy Communities Coordinator in providing leadership to interventions to address diet-related disparities by contributing to advancing policy, systems, and environmental changes to promote healthy eating and physical activity behaviors among low-income residents. The Dane County Nutrition Education Program is a major effort within Cooperative Extension Family Living Programs. The aim of Family Living Programs is to enhance the quality of family and community decisions that affect the family and to increase the abilities of

families to adapt to and effect change. [Learn more information here.](#) **Deadline to apply: September 6th.**

Dane County Healthy Communities Coordinator

The purpose of this position is to address diet-related disparities by contributing to advancing policy, systems, and environmental changes to promote healthy eating and physical activity behaviors among low-income residents (especially people who are eligible to receive SNAP/FoodShare) served by the Dane County Nutrition Education Program. The Healthy Communities Coordinator will work collaboratively with the Dane County Nutrition Education Program Administrator to provide leadership to the Dane County Nutrition Education Program. The Dane County Nutrition Education Program is a major effort within Cooperative Extension Family Living Programs. The aim of Family Living Programs is to enhance the quality of family and community decisions that affect the family and to increase the abilities of families to adapt to and effect change. [Learn more information here.](#) **Deadline to apply: September 6th.**

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