

## Farm to School Newsletter May 2016

WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection sent this bulletin at 05/25/2016 11:20 AM CDT

# Wisconsin Farm to School

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

May 20, 2016 | "All things seem possible in May" - Edwin Way Teale

In today's Wisconsin Farm to School newsletter, you will find:

- [General Updates](#)
- [New Tools and Resources](#)
- [Webinars, Conferences and Events](#)
- [Farm to School Job Openings](#)

## General Updates

### 2016 McKay Apple Crunch Contest



*The winners are...*

School for Agricultural & Environmental Studies (SAGES) - 453 Likes

Augusta School District – 401 Likes

St. Joseph Parish School – 319 Likes

### Results of the 2016 McKay Apple Crunch Contest

Congratulations to the three winners of the Apple Crunch Photo Contest this year! The School for Agricultural and Environmental Studies (SAGES, Fox Lake, WI), Augusta School

District (Augusta, WI), and St. Joseph Parish School (Prescott, WI) will each be receiving an Edible Plant Package for their winning photos from the 2015 Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch. Make sure you've got your cameras ready to snap photos during this year's Wisconsin Apple Crunch on October 13th, 2016!

### **Call for Proposals: School Food FOCUS 2016 National Gathering**

December 6-8, 2016 // Braselton, Georgia

School Food FOCUS is seeking proposals that demonstrate how more healthful, regional and sustainable school food can drive food systems change. They seek innovative and dynamic speakers who can share the opportunities and challenges of institutional procurement. Ideal proposals will highlight inspirational success stories and emphasize the importance of equitable food access for all children. All proposals should be submitted to the online form by Friday, May 27, 2016. [Learn more here.](#)

## **New Tools and Resources**

### **Film: Food Frontiers**

Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future has released a short film that tells a half-dozen stories about projects around the country that are aimed at increasing access to healthy food-- from a pioneering farm-to-school project, to creative supermarket financing, to cooking classes in a doctor's office and a teen-managed grocery store.

This 36-minute documentary film – produced by the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future – will be part of the Foodscape online curriculum to be released in August 2016, which provides an overview of the food system for high school students. [Watch the film here.](#)

### **Archived Webinar: Incorporating Local Foods into Summer Programs**

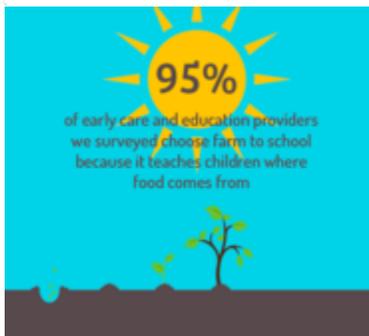
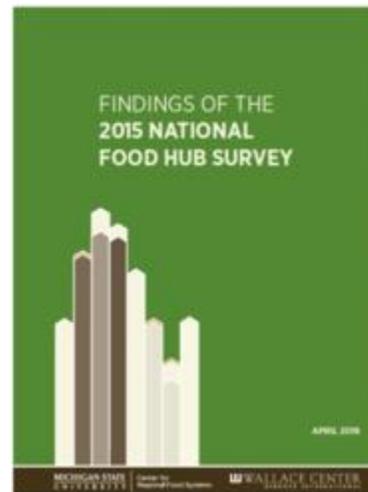
Some timely food for thought from our farm to school friends in Michigan! Summer Food Service Programs can be an ideal way to start looking at local purchasing. This archived webinar covers the basics of Farm to Summer, how to incorporate local purchasing into summer food service programs, and provides examples of Farm to Summer programs happening throughout Michigan, hosted by the MSU Center for Regional Food Systems. [Presentation can be found online here.](#)

### **CDC Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity: Data, Trends and Maps**

The CDC Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity's Data, Trends and Maps online tool allows you to search for and view indicators related to nutrition, physical activity and obesity. You can search on the basis of a specific location or an indicator. [Access this powerful data tool here.](#)

## New Report: Findings of the 2015 National Food Hub Survey

How can we supply enough local food to meet the demand? Food hubs are one way to meet demand from restaurants, hospitals, and schools for local food while supporting local food producers and businesses and giving back to local communities. Learn more with this newly released report from the MSU Center for Regional Food Systems: [Findings of the 2015 National Food Hub Survey](#).



## Survey Results: Farm to School in Early Care and Education Builds Healthy Kids with Bright Futures

In 2015, the National Farm to School Network surveyed early care and education providers across the country. Nearly 1,500 providers serving 183,369 young children in 49 states and Washington, D.C., responded and shared fascinating insight into the important work that they are doing to connect young children to healthy, local foods and food related educational opportunities. The results show that farm to school in early care and education is on the rise across the country. 54% of respondents are already doing farm to school activities and another 28% plan to start in the near future. A [new infographic](#) and [factsheet](#) are available with more survey results. To see the results and learn how the National Farm to School Network is working to expand farm to school in early care and education, visit [farmtoschool.org/earlychildhood](http://farmtoschool.org/earlychildhood).

## Webinars, Conferences and Events



Webinar: Tying it All Together and Digging In

May 26, 1:00 PM CDT

Join the USDA Farm to School Program for a healthy dose of motivation! Deborah Kane, Director of USDA's Office of Community Food Systems, will hit the highlights by showing how local procurement fits into the larger farm to school picture and share several resources to help you

meet your local purchasing goals. Registration:  
<https://cc.readytalk.com/r/nisfxny4e62d&eom>

## Farm to School Job Openings

### Community GroundWorks-Communications Manager (Madison, WI)

Community GroundWorks is hiring a Communications Manager to develop and manage a dynamic communications plan for the Wisconsin School Garden Network. This 75% time, salaried position will play a central role in growing the connectivity and impact of this statewide network through storytelling, targeted outreach and dissemination of resources, website development and other strategies. Help us build a thriving school garden network and movement in Wisconsin! For a detailed job description and application instructions please visit their website, <http://communitygroundworks.org/jobs>. **Deadline to apply is May 27th, 2016.**



STAY CONNECTED:



SUBSCRIBER SERVICES:

[Manage Preferences](#) | [Help](#)