

# Wisconsin Farm to School

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## General Updates



### Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch Recap

Congratulations, everyone! Over #OneMillionCrunches sounded throughout the region on Thursday, October 13 (and we know more are coming too!). In Wisconsin alone, over 206,525 people participated in schools, early care centers, hospitals, colleges, children's museums, libraries, apple orchards, and even police stations. We love all of the great stories, pictures and videos shared from your Crunches. Check out these online spots for all the Crunch action:

[Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch Facebook Page](#)

[#GreatAppleCrunch Hashtag on Twitter](#)

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There were SO MANY great highlights from Wisconsin. Here are just a few from across the state:

- Check out the photos and video from [reThink Winnebago's Great Apple Crunch](#) at Omro Elementary
- UW-Health had [the whole hospital](#) crunching on October 13th!
- Here's the [Adams County Sheriff's Office's](#) Great Apple Crunch. Great to see the whole community crunching!

- Head Start kiddos in Tomah, WI, took some [great big apple bites](#) right at Northwoods Orchard and Farm Market.
- How cool is [this aerial crunch](#) from Hayward Community School District?!

### National Farm to School Month: One Small Step

One more week to celebrate #F2SMonth with the National Farm to School Network! Pledge to take one small step & you could win #farmtoschool prizes for your school or ECE site! [farmtoschool.org/onesmallstep](http://farmtoschool.org/onesmallstep)

Looking for resources to celebrate National #F2SMonth? Check [www.farmtoschool.org](http://www.farmtoschool.org) for free posters, bookmarks, stickers and more!



## Tools and Resources

### Schools Are Making a BIG Impact

Watch this new [video](#) from the USDA to learn how farm to school is making a difference all across the country. Take one small step and share this video across your networks!

### Wisconsin School Garden Network Newsletter

Check out the October newsletter from the Wisconsin School Garden Network - resources and stories about Farm to School Month! [Read it online here](#), and be sure to [subscribe for future updates](#).



### New report: Gardening as a child may lead college students to eat more veggies

As researchers nationwide try to get college students to eat healthier foods, they're finding that gardening may lead to a lasting habit of eating more fruits and vegetables. "This finding is particularly relevant, given the recent popularity of school gardens and farm-to-school projects," said Anne Mathews, a UF/IFAS assistant professor of food science and human nutrition and lead author of the study. Read a summary of the research [here](#).

### Helping More Farmers Bring Farm to School

The National Young Farmers Coalition shares how we can help more farmers bring food to schools in this #F2SMonth special blog: <https://goo.gl/1elyX8>

## Webinars, Conferences and Events

### USDA Food & Nutrition Service (FNS) Midwest Good Greens Webinar

Thursday, October 27th // 10:00am-12:00pm CST

This month's conversation will be all about National Farm to School Month! Speakers include Jenna Segal (Midwest Regional Lead for USDA Farm to School), Natasha Smith (REAP Food Group, Madison), Leslie Fowler (Chicago Public Schools' Director of Nutrition Services), Lydia Mills (Seven Generations Ahead), Alison Patrick (Cuyahoga County Board of Health, OH), Abby Harper (Farm to School Specialist, Michigan State University), and Monica DeGarmo (Detroit School Garden Collaborative, MI).

**Call-in Information:** 1-888-844-9904, passcode 7734875. Please press \*6 to mute your telephone unless you wish to speak. Please do not place the call on hold. LiveMeeting/Webinar Instructions: Click: [Join the meeting](#). First Time Users: To save time before the meeting, [check your system](#) to make sure it is ready to use Microsoft Office Live Meeting.

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## Funding Opportunities

### USDA Farm to School Grant RFA Open

USDA has announced the release of the FY 2017 Farm to School Grant Program Request for Applications. Up to \$5 million in grant funds is available to help schools create or strengthen farm to school programs this school year. Awards ranging from \$20,000 to \$100,000 will be distributed in four different grant categories: Planning, Implementation, Support Service, and Training. Applications are due by December 8, 2016. [Learn more here.](#)

### Local Food, Local Places Application Open

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Local Foods, Local Places helps communities create more livable neighborhoods by promoting local foods. The Local Foods, Local Places program will provide selected communities planning assistance that centers around a



two-day community workshop. At the workshop, a team of experts will help community members develop an implementable action plan that promotes local food and neighborhood revitalization. Applications are due November 6. [Learn more here.](#)



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