

Ohio Farm to School Newsletter

National, Regional and State Updates

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Ohio Farm to School Updates

Ohio Farm to School has a new contact e-mail! For general inquiries, comments, or sharing of information please e-mail Ohio Farm to School at farm2school.osu.edu . Please add farm2school.osu.edu to your contacts list to avoid correspondence from Ohio Farm to School ending up in your spam box.

We hope you're having a great summer.

-The Ohio Farm to School Staff

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2014 Ohio Farm to School Regional Workshops Announced!

There will be six regional Farm to School workshops through 2014 in Ohio. Regions covered include: Northwest, Southwest, Southeast, Northeast, Central and Cleveland-Cuyahoga area.

Goal

Increase capacity of local communities to provide locally produced foods in schools.

Objectives

Through discussion and written materials, participants will:

- Develop an awareness of current practices in Farm to School—the benefits and opportunities for Farm to School programs & the processes and procedures of implementing a Farm to School program.
- Identify purchasing and marketing processes and other procurement methods that apply directly to Farm to School.
- Identify the three C's of Farm to School —Classroom, Cafeteria, Community—and ways producers and schools can increase involvement in each area.
- Recognize how Farm to School functions regionally and unique ways to connect with the local food system.
- Gain resources and strategies for connecting local producers with local school food service.
- Identify and use direct marketing tools to develop networks for procuring and supplying local foods.
- Identify food safety practices and guidelines that apply to using local foods in school food service and minimal standards producers need to meet regarding food safety.

Workshop Sessions

What's happening with Farm to School?

Purchasing Local Foods for Schools

Food Safety

Making Connections with Local Producers

The Education Connection

Workshop Locations and Information:

Region	Date	Location	Venue
Northeast	09/26/14	Canton	Walsh University
Central	10/24/14	Columbus	Ohio 4-H Center

For more information please visit the [Ohio Farm to School website](#).

Northeast Farm to School Regional Workshop

The Northeast Farm to School Workshop will be held on Friday, September 25th at Walsh University prior to the Hunger Dialogues. Registration for the Northeast Farm to School Workshop can be combined with registration for the Hunger Dialogues or on it's own. For registration information please visit the [online registration](#).

First Annual Ohio Hunger Dialogue Featuring Keynote Speaker Ambassador Tony Hall

Date(s): Sep. 26, 2014 - Sep. 27, 2014

Event Time: All Day

Location: Walsh University
2020 East Maple Street
North Canton, OH 44720

One in six households in Ohio face food insecurity, the 10th worst state in the United States. Worldwide, 1.2 billion people suffer from hunger and malnutrition.

Walsh University's Office of Global Learning and Office of Service Learning, in conjunction with Ohio Campus Compact, invite university administrators, faculty, and students to join with community partners and the general public in a dialogue to address issues of hunger in our local and global communities. The goal of this dialogue will be to seek solutions to domestic and global hunger through the teaching, research, and service activities of Ohio's colleges and universities.

Based on the models of dialogues already held in Kansas and North Carolina, Ohio will be the third state to host a state-wide meeting of higher educators devoted to seeking hunger solutions. A native of Dayton, Ambassador Tony Hall served Ohio for more than 20 years as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Ohio's 3rd District. He then served as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Missions on Food and Agriculture and is now the Executive Director of the Alliance to End Hunger, a policy and advocacy group based in Washington DC.

[Click here to register online.](#)

For more information, visit the [Hunger Dialogue webpage](#) or contact Dr. Douglas Palmer, Executive Director of Global Learning, by email at dpalmer@walsh.edu or by phone at 330-490-7043.

News & Resources

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SCHOOL GARDEN EVALUATION MADE EASY

Looking to improve, or better understand, your school garden activities? Evaluation can help you demonstrate your program's progress and communicate your impact with funders, school leadership, and other stakeholders.

We're partnering with the Colorado Farm to School Task Force and Spark Policy Institute for a series of online training sessions dedicated to their free [Farm to School Evaluation Toolkit](#). [Register now](#) for a "sneak peek" webinar on July 29, highlighting the toolkit and what your program can gain from evaluation!

Check Out These New Michigan Farm to School Videos!

[This video](#) takes place at Olivet Community Schools where a farmer visits the cafeteria, and this video shows off the herb production at MSU's Bailey Greenhouse.

Childhood Obesity Prevention Toolkit for Rural Communities

Nemours prepared a [Childhood Obesity Prevention Toolkit for Rural Communities](#). The toolkit provides a range of strategies and success stories to assist practitioners in child-serving sectors, including: early care and education, schools, out-of-school time, community initiatives and healthcare. The profiled communities were able to leverage their unique rural resources and benefited from close community bonds to improve children's health. The toolkit also includes policy recommendations and an overview of the evaluation process. Please feel free to share the link with interested colleagues, networks, stakeholders and constituencies. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Daniella Gratale, Senior Manager of Advocacy at Nemours, at daniella.gratale@nemours.org.

Growing Farm Profits Online Course Resources.

We are providing a range of materials we expect will be helpful to you on your path to growing your farm profits. Many of the educational materials and recordkeeping tools provided here are ones we use in our popular Growing Farm Profits classroom trainings. To ensure that these resources have useful practical application in the real world of farming, these resources were largely developed with considerable input from farmers.

These resources are *FREE*. We encourage you to share these "farmer-friendly" tools widely. We also encourage you to share with us any farmer-friendly tools you think will help other farmers with farm financial management. Just email them to us here at [Southern SAWG](#).

Bridging the Gap Wellness Strategies

Bridging the Gap collaborated with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to develop a series of briefs highlighting opportunities to support wellness policies through evidence-based strategies. These briefs provide an assessment of policies across school districts nationwide, related to seven wellness policy components. They also highlight areas of opportunity for state agencies, school districts, and schools to strengthen wellness policy components. See all seven topic area briefs plus a methods document below.

[Local School Wellness Policies: Where Do They Stand and What Can You Do?](#)[PDF]

[Supporting Quality Physical Education and Physical Activity in Schools](#) [PDF]

[Supporting Recess in Elementary Schools](#) [PDF]

[Creating Supportive School Nutrition Environments](#) [PDF]

[Improving Access to Drinking Water in Schools](#) [PDF]

[Marketing and Promotion of Foods and Beverages at School](#) [PDF]

[Addressing Weight Status Measurement in Schools](#) [PDF]

[Methods Document for the CDC and Bridging the Gap Local School Wellness Policy Briefs](#) [PDF]

Funding Opportunities

The Aetna Foundation Regional Grants Program – GoLocal: Cultivating Healthy Communities – funds community wellness initiatives aligned with our Healthy Eating and Active Living focus area in our designated funding locations. Grants will support local initiatives that promote eating fresh fruits and vegetables and being physically active, which can help to prevent obesity and many chronic health conditions. Grants will target underserved, low-income and minority communities where healthy food can be difficult to buy, and where social and environmental factors may limit people’s ability to be physically active.

Grant Application Dates

Cycle 2: June 16 to July 30, 2014, 5:00 pm EDT

How to Apply

- Learn more about our [Regional Grants Proposal Guidelines and Review Process](#)
- Review the Foundation's [General Funding Guidelines](#)
- If you meet our guidelines, review these [step-by-step instructions](#) (PDF)
- Follow this link to [Apply for a Grant](#) using the online grant application portal

Apply for the Baxter equipment for education grant

The School Nutrition Foundation is now accepting applications for the Baxter Equipment for Education Grant! Through a competitive grant process, Baxter Manufacturing will award one (1) OV310 Mini Rotating Rack Convection Oven (electric or gas) to a school district in need of improving its school meal kitchen facilities. The award will also include: a stand base, a 2-year parts & labor warranty, delivery and installation by Hobart Service, and training/demonstration with sales representative. Learn more.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize

Deadline September 17, 2014

The RWJF Culture of Health Prize is awarded to communities that are working to build a Culture of Health. In 2015, up to 10 winning communities will each receive a \$25,000 cash prize and have their accomplishments celebrated and shared broadly to inspire locally-driven change across the nation. RWJF wants to hear how your local leaders and community members are creating solutions that give everyone the opportunity for a healthy life. More details and how to apply .

Captain Planet Foundation Offers Grants for Hands-On Environmental Education Activities

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

Grants of up \$2,500 will be awarded to support high-quality educational programs that enable children and youth to understand and appreciate our world through hands-on learning projects that improve the environment in their schools and communities....

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Funding Opportunities

Fruit Tree Planting Foundation - Orchard Donations

The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation (FTPF) is dedicated to planting fruitful trees and plants to alleviate world hunger, combat global warming, strengthen communities, and improve the surrounding air, soil, and water. FTPF programs donate orchards where the harvest will best serve communities for generations, at places such as community gardens, public schools, city/state parks, low-income neighborhoods, Native American reservations, international hunger relief sites, and animal sanctuaries. Recipients must be nonprofits, public schools, or government entities. In addition, the "Fruit Tree 101" program creates outdoor edible orchard classrooms at public schools of all levels, across the country, to provide generations of students with environmental education opportunities and a source of organic fruit for improved school lunch nutrition.

Deadline: Rolling

Home Depot's Retool Your School Campus Improvement Grant

Home Depot's Retool Your School program provides grants through a two-tier structure for campus and facility improvements at historically black colleges and universities. The program awards Tier I and Tier II grants based on a combination of consumer voting and advisory board panel selections. The college with the highest score will receive a \$50,000 Tier I grant; thirteen other applicants will receive Tier II grants of \$10,000 each. An additional three Campus Pride grants of \$25,000 each will be awarded to the schools with the most votes and social media activity, as determined by Home Depot. Grant funds will go toward an improvement project at each school that is likely to have impact on the lives of students, faculty, and alumni for generations to come. **Deadline: Rolling**

Awesome Food \$1000 Project Grants

Each month, Awesome Food will give one applicant \$1,000 to help pull off an awesome idea involving food. The ideas must relate to food in some form, and the definition will be more inclusive than exclusive. Examples could include educating the public about DIY-farming, creating an ad-hoc eatery in a subway car, or recording videos of immigrants' recipes. Anyone is eligible to apply: for profit, nonprofit, individuals, companies, schools, adults and children. Applications are reviewed as they are received. One grant is awarded each month.

Deadline: Rolling

The Pollination Project is a nonprofit organization that provides \$1,000 seed grants to individual change makers. The Project has granted numerous awards to various small agriculture related operations who want to bring change into a community. The Project has received repeated media reports on how the organization is impacting small agricultural practices. New grants are awarded daily and there is no deadline for when to apply. Please [click here](#) to navigate through the organizations website for detailed information. We hope to have someone from the Project speak at a future meeting. **No deadline.**

Simply Organic 1%

The Simply Organic 1% fund supports and promotes the growth of organic and sustainable agriculture, including research, education and efficient/quality improvement projects.

Deadline: Rolling

Events & Webinars

Teacher Workshop - Feeding the World: Science, Energy and Agriculture

A workshop for teachers where questions are answered: How do we feed 9 billion people? How does production agriculture affect water quality? What is the value of corn production? Why biofuels? How can ag biotechnology contribute to food security? Soil and Sustainability: what is the link?

Taking place **Aug. 6-7 at Greene County Career Center**, participants will see demonstration plots, talk to experts and practice a variety of labs related to water, soil and plant science. Each participant will receive over \$300 worth of classroom science materials. Ashland graduate credit is available with on-site registration.

All expenses are paid including materials, food, one-night shared hotel room. More information can be found [here](#).

National Sustainable Agriculture Education Association Conference

August 3-6 – Raleigh, NC

The SAEA conference is the premier forum for the presentation and discussion of the scholarship of teaching and learning in sustainable agriculture education that brings together diverse educators, students, and scholars. In addition to networking with other leaders in sustainable agriculture education across the country, this conference will offer tours to local farms and community gardens, a curricula exchange, and local food, including a traditional NC pig-pickin'. For full schedule or to register, check out the conference website.

Please join us for the following Health Equity Webinars
*Presented by the Transform Wisconsin Health Equity Team
& The Prevention Institute*

Webinar 2: The Role of Community Culture in Efforts to Create Healthier, Safer, and More Equitable Places

Friday, August 8th 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

To join: <http://wisc.adobeconnect.com/roleofcommunityculture/>

Webinar 3: Communicating Health Equity and Prevention Early September, more details to come

To join: <http://wisc.adobeconnect.com/he3/>

Please contact Paula at ptran@wisc.edu with questions.

Webinar: Raising Funds & Friends for Your School Garden: Hard-Learned Lessons from Granny's Garden School

Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2014

Location: <http://www.instantpresenter.com/edwebnet11>

Starts: 4:00 pm (GMT-5) Eastern Time (US)

Ends: 5:00 pm (GMT-5) Eastern Time (US)

Join us on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 - 4pm / Eastern Time for "Raising Funds & Friends for Your School Garden: Hard-Learned Lessons from Granny's Garden School" with Roberta Paolo, Founder and Executive Director of Granny's Garden School. To participate in the live session, log in at <http://www.instantpresenter.com/edwebnet11> at the scheduled time.

USDA Updates

State of Origin for USDA Foods in Fiscal Year 2012

This [report](#) from FNS' Office of Policy Support, outlines where all USDA Foods purchased in 2012 were processed and packed. The document gives a listing of the products by dollar value and weight.

The data that fueled this report is available on the [FNS Food Distribution website](#), and can help states and districts find out what USDA Foods are often purchased from their state or region. State of origin information is currently available for Fiscal years 2011, 2012 and 2013.

USDA Farm to School Census Media Kit, Infographic

Did you know that during the 2011-2012 school year, school districts spent more than **\$385 million** on local food for school meal programs and that **56% of those districts indicated that they planned to buy more local foods in the future?**

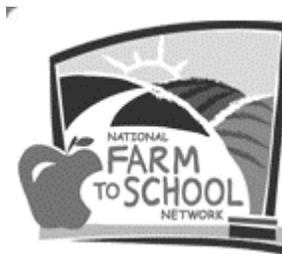
Those figures represent a huge economic impact and a promising market opportunity, both of which are celebrated in a fun new infographic (pictured above) that we developed as part of the release of the final results of the [Farm to School Census](#). To check out, download, and use this new visual resource, click [here!](#)

USDA Summer Meals Webcasts

We have concluded our 2014 Summer Meals webcasts and you can access the full playlist [here!](#) The webcasts covered information, tips, best practices, and lessons learned that will help make your Summer Program a total success! The series included:

- [Exploring the New USDA Summer Meals Toolkit & Website](#)
- [Be a Summer Meals Champion](#)
- [Can Elected Officials Help Feed Hungry Kids This Summer?](#)
- [Food That's In When School Is Out – The Summer Food Service Program and Afterschool Meals](#)
- [Utilizing Grants & Unique Partnerships to Serve More Summer Meals](#)
- [How Can You Solve Your Summer Meals Transportation Problems?](#)
- [Finding Ways to Keep Schools Involved in Summer Meals](#)
- [Make Your Summer Meals Site the Talk of the Town](#)

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