

Connecticut Department of Agriculture

Farm-To School
Program



Farms in Connecticut...



...are a Phone Call Away!

(860) 713-2503 CT Dept. of Ag

- There are 4,900 farmers in CT!!!
- Imagine...
360,000 acres of working land....
and 68,000 acres of shell fish beds!!!
- They are your connection to fresh Connecticut produce!



Marketing Bureau—what we can do we do for your school?



- Locate farms near you
- Help your wholesaler find farmers to buy produce from
- **SUMMER IS OUR SEASON!**
We hope the summer feeding programs increases the need for CT Grown!
- We are working with DAS to bring more CT farms into DoD program!

Website for Farm-To School

- Go to
 - www.ctgrown.gov
- Look for Programs And
Services



Welcome to the Connecticut Farm-to-School Program

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Participating Farmers

should be ready to present to you:

- *proof of insurance*
- farmer tax ID number, FEIN or social security number
- a dated invoice with farm name on it listing the products sold to you
- Appreciate prompt payments!

A New Page for You!

- Beef projects info
- Chicken project info
- Flash freezing project with Massachusetts processor
- And more!
- Look for the *New!* On the Farm to School Page

Let's keep the opportunities growing!

School's Role in the Process

We are asking you to:

- Work with the geographic preference options given to you by the USDA!
- Work out realistic delivery schedule with the farmer.
- Be clear and frank with farmers about any concerns or issues.
- Sign for the produce delivered...and, did we mention paying in a timely fashion?

Food Safety and Farm to School

CT farmers work hard to meet your expectations. Their livelihood and reputations rely on it.

There is no required inspection program or license to sell unprocessed, whole, raw fruits and vegetables.

You should expect fruits & vegetables that are wholesome, free from spoilage, and otherwise deemed safe for human consumption based on generally recognized industry standards from any farmer or wholesaler delivering to your school system.

Farm To School Promotional Materials are Here!

Participating schools can ask for free point of sale materials with the Farm-To-School Program logo to ID

CT Grown foods and menu items



Thank You!

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