

## North Carolina

## POLK COUNTY SCHOOLS

## 2015 Farm to School Census Responses

The responses for this district are shown below. Please note this is self-reported data and may conflict with other data sources.

## Participation

Did your district or any schools in your district participate in farm to school activities during the 2013-2014 school year?

- **Yes, doing farm to school in 2013-2014 school year**

## All possible answers

- Yes, doing farm to school in 2013-2014 school year
- No, but started farm to school in 2014-2015 school year
- No, but plan to start farm to school in the future
- No farm to school activities currently and no plans for the future.

## Benefits

Which of the following benefits do you perceive as result of participating in farm to school activities?

- **Planning to enjoy greater acceptance of the new meal pattern as a benefit of farm to school**

## All possible answers

- Planning to enjoy reduced food waste as a benefit of farm to school
- Planning to enjoy lower school meal program costs as a benefit of farm to school
- Planning to enjoy greater acceptance of the new meal pattern as a benefit of farm to school
- Planning to enjoy increased participation in school meals as a benefit of farm to school
- Planning to enjoy greater community support for school meals as a benefit of farm to school

Which of the following benefits have you enjoyed as result of participating in farm to school activities?

- **Enjoying greater acceptance of the new meal pattern as a benefit of farm to school**

## All possible answers

- Enjoying reduced food waste as a benefit of farm to school
- Enjoying lower school meal program costs as a benefit of farm to school
- Enjoying greater acceptance of the new meal pattern as a benefit of farm to school
- Enjoying increased participation in school meals as a benefit of farm to school
- Enjoying greater community support for school meals as a benefit of farm to school

## Local

Please indicate if your district or any schools in your district purchased any of the following foods - IN ANY FORM - from local growers/producers/processors/manufacturers during the 2013-2014 school year or would like to in the future?

- **Fruit: Yes**
- **Vegetables: Yes**
- **Fluid milk: No**
- **Other dairy: No**
- **Meat/poultry: No**
- **Eggs: No**
- **Seafood: No**
- **Plant-based protein items such as beans, seeds, and nuts: No**
- **Grains and flour: No**
- **Bakery products: No**
- **Herbs: No**
- **Other food: No**

## All possible answers

- Yes
- No
- Not now, but would like to in the future
- I don't know

## Economic Impacts

For the 2013-2014 school year, what were your approximate total food costs (in dollars)?

- **\$609,000**

For the 2013-2014 school year, about how much of your total food purchases (in dollars) were spent on local foods INCLUDING fluid milk? (If you're not sure, a rough estimate is perfectly acceptable.)

- **\$150,000**

For the 2013-2014 school year, about how much of your total food purchases (in dollars) were spent on local foods NOT INCLUDING fluid milk? (If you're not sure, a rough estimate is perfectly acceptable.)

- **\$80,000**

## Stories

Please share a local food procurement success story.

- **Very well satisfied with a local vendor. I have ordered farm to school in the past and well satisfied.**

## Can't find your district?

It's because USDA does not have a record for your school district.

