Texas

# DETROIT ISD

## 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.

Are you participating in the Child and Adult Care food program (CACFP)?

- **No**

*All possible answers*

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

### Benefits

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

- **Enjoying lower school meal program costs 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

How does your district define "local" as it relates to your food procurement?

- **Produced within the state**

*All possible answers*

- Same city/county
- Produced within a 50 mile radius
- Produced within a 100 mile radius
- Produced within a 200 mile radius
- Produced within a day's drive
- Produced within the state
- Produced within the region
- Geographic along with other restrictions

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

- ***Fruit:*** **I don't know**
- ***Vegetables:*** **I don't know**
- ***Fluid milk:*** **I don't know**
- ***Other dairy:*** **I don't know**
- ***Meat/poultry:*** **I don't know**
- ***Eggs:*** **I don't know**
- ***Seafood:*** **I don't know**
- ***Plant-based protein items such as beans, seeds, and nuts:*** **I don't know**
- ***Grains and flour:*** **I don't know**
- ***Bakery products:*** **I don't know**
- ***Herbs:*** **I don't know**
- ***Other food:*** **I don't know**

*All possible answers*

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

On average, about how frequently do your district's meals or snacks include at least one locally sourced food item from the categories below?

- ***Fruit:*** **More than monthly**
- ***Vegetables:*** **More than monthly**
- ***Fluid milk:*** **Never**
- ***Other dairy:*** **Never**
- ***Meat/poultry:*** **Never**
- ***Eggs:*** **Never**
- ***Seafood:*** **Never**
- ***Plant-based protein items such as beans, seeds, and nuts:*** **Never**
- ***Grains and flour:*** **Never**
- ***Bakery products:*** **Never**
- ***Herbs:*** **Never**
- ***Other food:*** **Never**

*All possible answers*

- Daily
- More than weekly
- Weekly
- More than monthly
- Monthly
- Occasionally
- Never

Are any of the following considered to be problems in procuring local products or reasons why your district does not purchase even more local products?

- **Local producers aren't bidding**
- **Local items not available from primary vendors**

*All possible answers*

- Local producers aren't bidding
- GAP or other food safety requirements
- Lack of compliance with your institution's purchasing regulations and policies
- Lack of availability of processed/precut products
- Hard to find new suppliers/growers or distributors
- Hard to get information about product availability
- Hard to place orders with vendors
- Getting on time deliveries
- Getting product delivered that meets your quality requirements & other specs (i.e., size)
- Having quantity delivered equal to quantity ordered
- Resolving problem deliveries
- Hard to find year-round availability of key items
- Inability to pay farmers according to farmers' needs due to school district payment procedures
- Hard to coordinate procurement of local with regular procurement
- Local items not available from primary vendors
- Vendors for local items don't offer a broad range of products
- Higher prices
- Unstable product prices
- Lack of reliability in delivering ordered items
- Lack of kitchen equipment to process/prepare local foods.

For the 2013-2014 school year, please indicate whether your district obtained local foods from any of the following intermediary sources.

- **Obtains local food from USDA foods**

*All possible answers*

- Obtains local food from distributors
- Obtains local food from food buying cooperative
- Obtains local food from food hub
- Obtains local food from food service management companies
- Obtains local food from DoD Fresh Program vendors
- Obtains local food from USDA foods
- Obtains local food from State Farm to School program office

### Economic Impacts

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

- **$125,000**

Looking forward do you anticipate your local purchases will increase, decrease or stay the same?

- **Other**

*All possible answers*

- Increase
- Decrease
- Stay the same
- Other

### Activities

To the best of your knowledge, please check the activities that any of your district's schools engaged in during the 2013-2014 school year.

- **Had farmer(s) visit the cafeteria, classroom or other school-related setting.**

*All possible answers*

- Served locally produced foods in the cafeteria
- Conducted edible school gardening or orchard activities as part of a school curriculum
- Conducted edible school gardening or orchard activities as part of an after school program
- Conducted student field trips to farms or orchards
- Had farmer(s) visit the cafeteria, classroom or other school-related setting.
- Promoted local efforts through themed or branded promotions (e.g. Harvest of the Month, Local Day, Taste of Washington, etc.)
- Promoted locally produced foods at school in general (e.g. via cafeteria signs, posters, newsletters, etc.)
- Generated media coverage of local foods being used in schools (e.g. press interviews or other activities that resulted in local coverage)
- Hosted farm to school related community events (e.g. Invited parents to lunch, corn shucking contests, etc.)
- Celebrated Farm to School Month (October 2013)
- Integrated farm to school concepts, including school gardening activities, into educational curriculum (math, science, language arts, etc.)
- Served locally produced foods as a Smart Snack (a la carte, as fundraisers, etc.)
- Provided training to school food service staff on farm to school or school gardens
- Worked with local food producers to develop a specific food product using local foods
- Implemented farm to school activities as part of overall school efforts to reduce food waste
- Evaluated changes in student acceptance and food waste as a result of implementing farm to school activities
- Served locally produced food or providing farm to school activities as part of afterschool programs.
- Served products from school-based gardens or school-based farms in the cafeteria
- Held taste testing/demos of locally produced foods in the cafeteria, classroom, or other school-related setting
- Held taste testing/demos of product from school-based gardens or school-based farms in the cafeteria, classroom or other school-related setting
- Used Smarter Lunchroom strategies to encourage student selection and consumption of locally produced foods (e.g., product placement, food prompts, creative signage, etc.)
- Used cafeteria food coaches (e.g. adults or students in the cafeteria encouraging kids to eat healthy/local foods)
- Used USDA Team Nutrition materials (such as The Great Garden Detective Adventure or Dig In!) as part of taste testing or educational activities.

### Can't find your district?

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