Texas

# YSLETA 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.

During the 2013-2014 school year, what age groups participated in farm to school activities?

- **Pre-K participated in farm to school activities.**
- **Grades K-5 participated in farm to school activities.**
- **Grades 6-8 participated in farm to school activities.**
- **Grades 9-12 participated in farm to school activities.**

*All possible answers*

- Pre-K participated in farm to school activities.
- Grades K-5 participated in farm to school activities.
- Grades 6-8 participated in farm to school activities.
- Grades 9-12 participated in farm to school activities.

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 a 50 mile radius**

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

*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?

- **Other *food frequency*: We buy through our distributor, all items listed on not locally bought**

*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**
- **Hard to find year-round availability of key items**
- **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**
- **Hard to find new suppliers/growers or distributors**

*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 directly from the following sources.

- **Obtains local food direct from food processors and manufacturers**

*All possible answers*

- Obtains local food direct from individual food producers (i.e. farmers, fishers, ranchers)
- Obtains local food direct from farmer, rancher, or fisher cooperatives
- Obtains local food direct from farmers markets
- Obtains local food via a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) model
- Obtains local food direct from food processors and manufacturers

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 distributors**
- **Obtains local food from DoD Fresh Program vendors**

*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)?

- **$6,000,000**

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.)

- **$1,500,000**

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

### Can't find your district?

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