

THE FARM TO SCHOOL MATH ADDS UP

Money invested in agriculture has a positive economic impact on rural *and* urban communities.

According to the USDA Farm to School Census, 40,328 schools are buying local food for the school cafeteria. Dollars invested in local communities total at least

\$385 million

56% of schools plan to buy more local foods in the future.



TOP 5 LOCALLY PURCHASED FOOD CATEGORIES



fruit

78%



vegetables

75%



fluid milk

37%



baked goods

22%



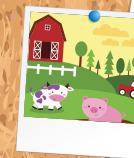
other dairy

18%



TOP 5 FOOD CATEGORIES FOR FUTURE GROWTH

- plant-based proteins
- herbs
- meat or poultry
- eggs
- grains/flour



TOP SOURCES OF LOCAL FOOD

Direct sources

- 1 Individual food producers (i.e. farmers, fishers, ranchers)
- 2 Food processors and manufacturers
- 3 Farmer, rancher or fisher cooperatives

Intermediary sources

- 1 Distributors
- 2 USDA Foods
- 3 DoD Fresh Program vendors

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