



Case Studies and Tools to Get Started

A simple search will reveal dozens of Farm to school case studies and evaluations. These are a few of our favorites.

Going Local: Paths to Success for Farm to School Programs. With case studies from eight states - California, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, North Carolina, and Oregon, the publication provides a snapshot of the diverse ways in which farm to school is making a difference nationwide.

[Rethinking School Lunch.](#) This guide contains a planning framework that contains tools and creative solutions to the challenges of improving school lunch programs, academic performance, ecological knowledge, and the well-being of our children. In its chapters, accessible below, experts and practitioners highlight goals and challenges, showcase success stories, and offer resources for further exploration.

[Bearing Fruit: Farm to School evaluation.](#) A comprehensive guide to Farm to School program evaluation with highlights of the overall impacts of farm to school for stakeholders—teachers, food service, farmers, parents, policy makers, and community—providing excellent resources and tools to incorporate when assessing a program.

[National Farm to School Program.](#) This national site provides a comprehensive overview of the 41 states implementing Farm to School initiative, as well as policy, current events, news and resources. Be sure to check out their tumblr, facebook and twitter sites for up-to-date information.

[Vermont Food Education Every Day.](#) Georgia Organics looks to VT FEED as a model program as promotes comprehensive food, farm and nutrition education in the cafeteria and classroom. Their website includes many helpful resources for all teachers, parents, community members, farmers and food service professionals.

Getting Started

[Farm to School and Educational Garden Programs](#)

This resource guide, created by Georgia Organics and PLACE, provides tips on how to get started, suggested classroom readings, garden themes, sample kid-friendly recipes and tips on growing and maintaining a school garden.

[Organizing your First Farm to School Meeting](#)

This template provides a list of key stakeholders, helpful tips and a sample agenda.

[How to Integrate Farm to School into Wellness Policy](#)

Farm to School activities dovetail perfectly into the federally mandated wellness policies that each district needs to write and implement. This sample policy provides helpful suggestions and wording.

[Guide to Farm Field Trips for Farmers and Teachers](#) . Developed by Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture, this helpful guide will make field trips more educational and memorable for everyone.

[Guide for Coordinating Successful Taste Tests in the Cafeteria and Classroom.](#)

Developed by Vermont FEED, this guide demonstrates taste testings can be a great way to involve students, teachers, and the community in food service and awareness of healthy food choices.

[Organizing Tools from Community Food Security coalition](#)

Grants

Sign up for the Georgia Organics monthly Farm to School e-Bite for a list of grants by emailing erin@georgiaorganics.org . [Environmental Education in Georgia](#) also keeps up-to-date listing.