



Policy – State and National

Farm to School is intricately linked to farm and nutrition policy— on both the national, state and city level. In the past decade, tremendous strides have been taken towards creating and passing legislation that supports integrating fresh, local food into the cafeteria and district school wellness policies.

[Georgia House Bill 847](#), supports Farm to School initiatives in Georgia.

[Georgia Senate Bill 44](#), Schools would be allowed contractual and purchasing preferences for bids on certain supplies, materials, equipment, and agricultural products manufactured or produced in this state.

[One Tray at a Time: Farm to School Initiatives in the Child Nutrition Reauthorization](#). This must-read, easy-to-read guide is a comprehensive overview of how Farm to School is linked to nutrition and farm policy, and what you can do to affect change.

[Summary of legislation](#). Over 18 states have passed legislation regarding farm to school programs. See summaries and links to the text of this legislation as of June 10, 2008.

[Summary of types of legislation](#). This document includes the types of state legislation that have been passed to encourage the consumption of locally grown products through state institutions.

[Applying Geographic Preference in Procurements for Child Nutrition Programs](#) *USDA: Food and Nutrition Service* - This memo provides information on a provision to encourage institutions operating Child Nutrition Programs to purchase unprocessed locally grown and locally raised agricultural products.

[Bid Local: Local Farm Projects Allowed in School Bids](#) *National Farm to School Network* - With the passage of the 2008 Farm Bill, schools can now use a local preference in big language. This handout describes the specifics as to what is included in unprocessed agricultural products.

[Mapping School Food: A Policy Guide](#) *Marlo R. Miura, Jason A. Smith, Jess Alderman*
Improving the school food environment can be a difficult task, and understanding school food law and policy can be a barrier to getting started. Mapping School Food was written to help legislators, advocates, parents, teachers and anyone interested in improving school food navigate school food law and policy.