

Celebrating Farm to School Month

What's on the menu?

- Many counties are serving locally sourced beef through contracts awarded to local producers for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Other local foods on the menu this month: apples, chicken, lettuce, pears, bell peppers, and more.



Cabell County Schools serving local Salisbury Steak.



Nicholas County Schools serving local beef.

***West Virginia had the second highest percent (in the inland United States) of SFAs serving local food: 85%**

Farm to school participation in West Virginia

West Virginia **90%** of SFAs did at least one farm to school activity

Nationally **74%**

These SFAs included **600** schools and **244,751** students

*STATISTICS FROM THE 2023 FARM TO SCHOOL USDA CENSUS



West Virginia Farm to School Grant Awardees SY 2026 - 27

- Cabell County Schools: Martha Elementary and Southside Elementary hydroponic garden.
- Monroe County Schools: First grade farm to school field trip to local dairy farm and Monroe County Innovation Farm.
- Putnam County Schools: West Teays Elementary School's improvement and expansion of outdoor learning and production area.
- Tyler County Schools: Farm to School FFA/Ag students mini grants to grow food for the child nutrition program.



Upcoming Events

- **December 2025** Farm to School Training highlighting school partnerships in farm to school.
- **February 2027** West Virginia Small Farm Conference Farm to School Day.
- **November 2027** West Virginia Farm to School Conference.
- Returning for the 2027 Conference: pre-conference site visits, Seeds of Success Poster Series, Art Contest, and more.

