

Farm to School

Community Roster

Local Farmers can add value to and help with many strategies in your Play.

- They can serve as important sources of information by speaking to your school about locally produced food, the benefits of local sourcing, and the number of opportunities there are for careers in agriculture.
- They can also serve as a source of food in helping to increase the amount of local food served by your school cafeteria.
- Contact your Local Dairy Council for help with reaching out to local farmers for help.

Your County Agricultural Extension Office can also help!

- The local <u>Land Grant Universities and Extension Offices</u> in your state can provide resources, connections with local farmers, education ideas, and more.
- Your **Officer** may also know of Master Gardeners in your area who could speak to your school about what it takes to grow nutrient-dense foods and get them to your table.

Your **Local 4-H Chapters,** the youth programs of the Extension system can help engage students in agriculture awareness activities.

- The 4-H organization helps young people with things like completing hands-on projects in areas such as health, science, <u>agriculture</u> and citizenship, in a positive environment.
- <u>Contact your Local 4-H office</u> for information about how to engage students with their resources or join a local 4-H chapter.

Future Farmers of America can be a helpful resource as well.

- Future Farmers of America provides resources and helps youth by developing their potential for leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.
- Contact your <u>local FFA chapter</u> or <u>your state's department of agricultural education</u> to learn what resources and activities might be available to your school.

Get in touch with National Association of Conservation Districts for even more!

- Contact <u>your state's conservation district offices</u> or use the resources available on their websites to help get students more involved in and aware of local conservation efforts.
- Invite a leader from an office to come to your school and help organize a <u>Farm Field Day</u>, put students in touch with activities and events like <u>Youth Conservation Camps</u>, if they have them, and more.



