



2018 Ohio Farm to School Year in Review

Ohio hosted 2018 Farm to Cafeteria Conference—

More than 900 attended the national event in our state, which promoted the local food economy and drew attention to our elected officials about the importance of Farm to School. More than 30 seminars were offered in several tracks from Early Care Education to Farm to College. There were 11 field trips organized by OSU Extension providing highlights of Ohio and neighboring states in which our partners had the opportunity to network. We also hosted a dynamic preconference meeting with an Ohio focus for producers and food service directors while enjoying delicious local foods. Senator Brown and Representative Fudge provided video messages about the importance of Farm to School.

Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch

This year there were 1.5 MILLION Crunches in the Great Lakes Region! In Ohio alone, we had 571 *different locations registered*. Ohio-grown apples took center stage for Ohio's students, teachers, and/or colleagues

Highlights:

- New Ohio record! 181,063 reached
- Social media exposure
- More than 900 whole and sliced apples were donated by DNO Produce Inc. who distributed them to YMCA's and Head Starts in Franklin County
- Cincinnati Public Schools participated for the first time
- Resolutions from local governments

New Success Stories in 2018

- OSU Plans to Serve More Local and Sustainable Foods by 2025 (40% Local by 2025)
- Rural Action Provides Local Foods to Schools
- Yellowbird Food Shed of Mount Vernon
- Farm Fare Food Hub
- MTS
- Bexley
- Check our website for these and more at farmtoschool@osu.edu

"Ohio Days" in Central Ohio school districts

Now in their third year of offering locally sourced "Ohio Days" meals each month, Columbus City Schools is making new connections with more local producers and substantially increasing the portion of their food budget spent on local foods. Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) has rallied 5 schools in the Columbus area to also serve an Ohio-sourced meal each month. FCPH has developed an extraordinary Food Service Director Toolkit, a local foods directory, and materials to help students become more aware of the local foods in their cafeterias.



Presentations

- OSU Outreach and Engagement Conference: Putting the “to” in Farm to School through Community Engagement
- National Farm to Cafeteria Conference - Three Million Apples...and More (panel of Ohio successes: Ohio Days, Cuyahoga Co group purchasing, and PSE READI tool)
- National Farm to Cafeteria Conference – apple slicer tour
- International Town and Gown City and University Relations Conference – CCS apple slicer tour
- Project Green Teacher – School Garden Seminars
- Ohio STEM Learning Network
- Ohio Food Policy Network Conference
- Ohio School Nutrition Association- Northwest Ohio area meeting
- National NFSN Communities of Practice call focused on Extension
- National NFSN “SNAP-Ed for Farm to School” Webinar
- Policies that Support Farm to School: Trends, Models of Success, and Emerging Issues, for the Ohio Food Policy Network
- Apple slicer demo and F2S presentation for CFAES leaders

Publications

- Identifying indicators of readiness and capacity for implementing farm to school interventions, accepted in the Journal of School Health

Grant Proposals

- Farm Bureau funding proposal with 4-H
- FADLP - Lettuce grant

Partnerships

- CCS Wellness Committee
- Ohio Days
- Ohio Food Policy Network
- Ohio Early Child Health Network
- School Gardens of Ohio