

NC Farm to School News

Home Grown for North Carolina Schools

Are you Ready for Locally Grown Produce?

Plans are in place for another great N.C. Farm to School program for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year. We have kept the traditional Farm to School produce items on our schedule for your school district's students and faculty to enjoy and we have added the versatile Kennebec potato, a white potato variety that is great baked, boiled, or fried. Also, additional weeks of sweet potatoes, strawberries, and blueberries are available.

All of the NC Farm to School produce items are grown by farmers located across the state that are members of the NCDA&CS "Goodness Grows in North Carolina" program and have been certified in "Good Agricultural Practices"(GAP). Being GAP certified means that the farms have passed stringent USDA food safety audits for their fields and packing facilities. So not only are you getting the freshest produce that is available but you have the peace of mind knowing the produce is coming from a farm that is using good food safety measures.

As you plan your weekly menus please don't forget to include the locally grown NC Farm to School fruits and vegetables and support the North Carolina farmers.

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