Q1 Other Responses:

1. Order through DOD and delivered by produce vendor
2. Forster-Caviness
3. DOD Program
4. DOD
5. F2S ordered through DOD Co-Op
6. Farmer Foodshare
7. DOD
8. Mainline Distributor primarily
9. Sysco...my food vendor
10. Local Food Hub
11. DOD Weekly
12. Grocery distributor
13. USFoods
14. DoD
Q2 Other Responses:

1. None
2. We utilize fresh fruit/veggies offered from our distributor who purchases from local vendors.
3. Lack of distribution warehouse. The delivery schedule with our distributor only allows us to purchase items that have a longer life span.
4. Managed by FSMC who takes care of purchasing any local.
5. We don't go for everything because we know that we may not always get what we order.
6. Sometimes cost are more expensive than regular distributor, however not on every item. Just like all different distributors, pricing will vary. We normally choose what's best for our district.
7. Application process and planning delivery a year ahead
8. Delivery Date
9. Product is not available on a regular basis. Quality of product is not always good.
10. Poor product quality and/or product acceptance from students
11. It takes 4 days for our Central Warehouse Team to deliver product to schools which can be a determining factor at times. Also, we can't accept broccoli due to the ice which will melt in our cooler as product sits waiting for delivery.
12. N/A
13. Concern regarding the shorter shelf life of some products and whether or not we could serve all the product before it expires.
14. None
15. Produce vendor receives it almost a week prior to it being delivered to us so the quality is poor.
16. None
17. None
18. No barriers that stop us from purchasing. It is a priority to keep funds in NC and support our farmers.
19. In order to have the produce delivered to our individual school sites, we have to pay an additional delivery fee to our produce distributor.
20. Just wanted to explain the cost, there are times when the produce appear higher in price than the current produce provider.
21. Not knowing if you are going to get Not being able to transport to individual school before it spoils Produce shipped in with out enough shelf life on the product.
22. Do Not have any barriers. I purchase NC Farm to School as much as funds are available and what my students will eat
23. Sometimes the quality of the products we receive
Q3 Other Responses:

1. We do
2. Managed by FSMC
3. Order through DOD and delivered by produce vendor
4. We do participate
5. I am participating
6. Listed above
7. Sysco often forgets to deliver our F2S produce despite having delivery schedules and reminders.
8. n/a
9. we participate
10. n/a we do support the NC Farm to School
11. n/a
12. We are participating
13. Participate in the program already.
14. We are participating, refrigeration in the school sites are our biggest barrier to increasing our participation.
15. I participate
16. We currently participate
17. None
18. None
19. I am participating in the Farm to School Program
20. Currently participating through DOD
21. I do purchase through Farm to School
22. I’m participating in the NC Farm to School Program
23. We participate
24. We order farm to school produce
25. We are participating as much as we can
26. We are participating
Q4 Other Responses:

1. Slicks for serving lines
2. Use symbol on menu to indicate the farm to school produce.
3. F2S products are highlighted in green on our menus
4. List NC items on menus
5. Website, menus
6. Menu and signage
7. We create serving line signage; we would use other resources if available.
8. n/a
9. Digital Menu Board Campaigns & Serving Line "Static Clings"
10. Window clings
11. Our menus
12. District menus
13. Classroom information
14. Nc farm to school window clings
15. Word of mouth and bulletin boards
16. Menu
17. Announcements at school
18. Do not participate in farm to school
19. FTS produce featured on menu and on social media
Q5 Other Responses:

1. During summer feeding we hand out the story books
2. n/a
3. Insure videos are in a (so called) universal format or in multiple generic formats to maximize usage
Q6 Responses:

1. None
2. I cannot think of any trainings needed at this time
3. Produce safety
4. On how to order
5. Need more public information for district leadership
6. n/a
7. Provide update/training at Policy Update meeting.
8. Posters advertising the program
9. how to prepare produce for the serving line. We have a high turnover rate in Child Nutrition. It would be great to have a workshop to send our new staff to that addresses what has to be washed, what to do once you cut the fruit, etc. We go over this but sometimes they need to hear it from someone else. Also education on local farmers around us, what they have to go through to be able to sell to us.
10. None that I know of at this time
11. None
12. None
13. None
14. n/a
16. Regional Training on use of the marketing tools, by consultants, in order to maximize their impact.
17. None at this time
18. None at the moment
19. None currently needed
20. None
21. shipping and ordering for central office
22. n/a
23. Food Preparation using fresh items
24. How to prepare NC Farm to School Fresh Produce
25. Recipe resources are great! New recipe ideas for things like Spinach, and Sweet Potatoes that are innovative and acceptable to students
26. None
27. Training for Managers and staff - marketing Farm to School to students, staff and community. How and importance.
28. n/a
29. none
30. Cutting and display skills - also how to serve it sometimes ie what kind of condiment cooked or raw
Q7 Responses:

1. None
2. None
3. Great program need more variety in pre-packaged items
4. n/a
5. We love the program and are proud to participate!
6. Our board of education has been very interested in what produce is NC Farm to school produce due to it being local farmers. We even took a trip to a local farmer and it was amazing.
7. We love the strawberries of course.
8. n/a
9. none
10. Excellent program. Thank you
11. We appreciate the availability of the program and hope to expand our participation in the future!!
12. None
13. Our students love the Farm To School products!!!!
14. Great program! Wonderful asset to my students!
15. This is a great program... you do a great job!
16. Keep up the Great Work!!
17. Love it!
18. This is a great program that we enjoy utilizing within our district.
19. Although we do participate in the Farm to School and DOD program, our biggest barrier is transportation. We have a staff member who will pick-up at one site and deliver to the other...but this is not within this job responsibilities and we don't know how long this will be sustained.

20. I think that it is a great program. Cost effective distribution to all of our schools is the main roadblock.

21. None

22. NC does a good job with the program but Mother nature tends to hinder the program.

23. None

24. Great program

25. We love farm to school produce. We love that it is NC grown and fresh from the farm. When we receive our produce it is usually much fresher and a tastier product than we are able to purchase from our distributor.

26. None

27. Great program! Thank you!

28. None