

Vermont's Farm to School Program

Since 2007, **Vermont's Farm to School Grant Program** has provided **85** Vermont schools, representing 26% of Vermont public schools, with funding to integrate healthy, local food and food/farm/nutrition education into Cafeterias, Classrooms, and Communities.

Vermont schools serve close to 70,000 meals *daily*; the cafeteria is a natural place to encourage kids to eat more fruits and vegetables and connect them with Vermont-grown products.

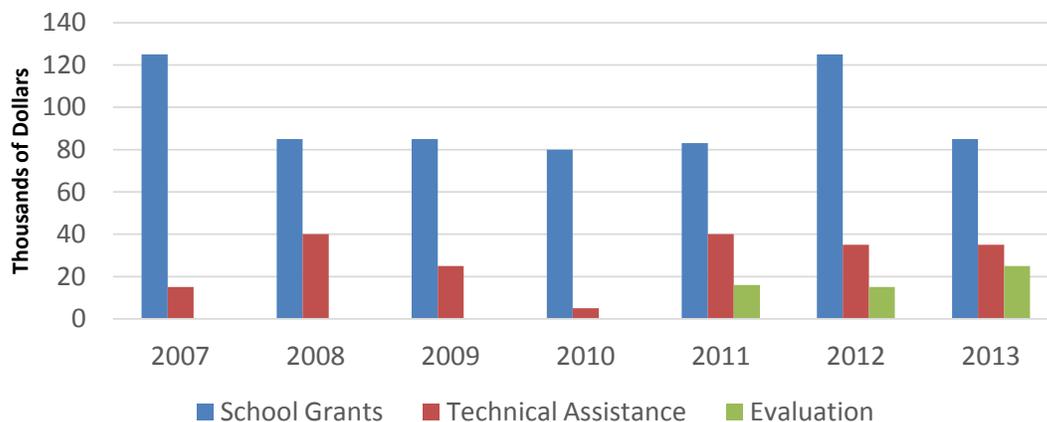
Farm to School Grant Program:

- 2007: \$140,000 Appropriated
- 2008: \$125,000 Appropriated
- 2009: \$110,000 Appropriated
- 2010: \$85,000 Appropriated
- 2011: \$75,000 Appropriated
- 2012: \$75,000 Appropriated
- 2013: \$75,000 Appropriated
- 2014: \$75,000 Appropriated



Use of Farm to School Funds

(State Appropriation and Federal CTG Funds)



Farm to School Food Education Every Day!



Vermont Farm to School Network

A Vibrant Farm to School Program in Every Vermont Community by 2020



How far have we come?

- ◆ 55% of VT schools identify as having a Farm to School program
- ◆ 95% of responding schools report serving some local food in their school food program
- ◆ Every responding school is taking part in one or more Farm to School activity
- ◆ Geography is not a barrier - Farm to School is everywhere

Data collected by UVM Center for Rural Studies in Fall/Winter of 2013 from 164 of our 324 schools

How does Farm to School benefit student health and our communities?

Vermont schools with Farm to School programs report...*

- ◆ Twice the national average in vegetable consumption
- ◆ Increase in school lunch participation by students and staff
- ◆ Increase in ability to provide a variety of vegetables in school lunch program by addressing training and equipment needs
- ◆ Students that meet a farmer are more likely to choose vegetables

**Shelburne Farms (VT FEED partner) report to CDC in 2011*

Where do we go from here?

- ◆ Work directly with VT producers and institutional buyers to improve the values-based supply chain and develop new market opportunities
- ◆ Increase technical assistance for food service through partnership of School Nutrition Association, VT Agency of Education, VT FEED, and Hunger Free VT
- ◆ Expand technical assistance for Farm to Preschool
- ◆ Provide Farm to School training for school teams across the state, integrated with wellness policies and focused on sustaining programs
- ◆ Improve statewide evaluation and data collection to understand program impacts
- ◆ Create a strategic action plan to achieve Farm to School in every Vermont community by 2020

Vermont Farm to School Grant Recipients

2014 GRANT YEAR

Implementation Grant Recipients

Orleans SW SU
Charlotte Central School
Middletown Springs Elementary School*
Hiawatha, Fleming, Summit St, Westford,
ADL Intermediate, Essex High and CT*

Planning Grant Recipients

Newbury Elementary
Walden School
Barnard Academy
Vergennes Union HS

2013 GRANT YEAR

Implementation Grant Recipients

Berlin Elementary
Milton Elementary/Middle
Isle LaMotte Elementary
St Albans City School
Tunbridge Central School*

Planning Grant Recipients

Roxbury Elementary, Northfield Ele/HS
Lothrop Elementary
Hiawatha, Fleming, Summit St, Westford,
ADL Intermediate, Essex High and CT

2012 GRANT YEAR

Implementation Grant Recipients

Stockbridge Central School*
The Dorset School*
Weathersfield & Albert Bridge Schools
Bakersfield Elementary & Middle*
Addison Northeast SU*
Tinmouth Elementary*

Planning Grant Recipients

Brookfield Elementary
Middletown Springs Elementary School
Chelsea Public School
Colchester Middle School

2011 GRANT YEAR

Implementation Grant Recipients

Mt. Anthony Union MS*
Richmond Elementary*
South Royalton School
St. Johnsbury School*

Planning Grant Recipients

Addison Northeast SU
Bakersfield Elementary & Middle
Tinmouth Elementary
Tunbridge Central School

2010 GRANT YEAR

Implementation Grant Recipients

Cabot School*
Troy School
Woodstock Elementary
Randolph Elementary*
Twinfield Union School*

Planning Grant Recipients

Craftsbury Schools
Peacham School
Stockbridge Central School
The Dorset School
Cavendish Town Elementary
St. Johnsbury School

2009 GRANT YEAR

Implementation Grant Recipients

Dover Elementary
Lawrence Barnes Elementary
Albany Community School
Sharon Elementary
Harwood Union Middle & HS
Thetford Academy*
State Street School

Planning Grant Recipients

Mt. Anthony Union Middle School
Richmond Elementary
Cabot School
Randolph Elementary

2008 GRANT YEAR

Implementation Grant Recipients

Alburgh Elementary
Arlington School District
Bradford Elementary
Fairfield & Sheldon Schools
Lakeview Union School
Mettawee Community School
Vergennes Elementary

Planning Grant Recipients

People's Academy
Thetford Academy
Twinfield Union School

2007 GRANT YEAR

Implementation Grant Recipients

Academy, Oak Grove & Green St. Schools
Barre Town Middle & Elementary
Bingham Memorial
Blue Mountain Union
Hartland Elementary
Winooski Elementary, Middle & HS

Planning Grant Recipients

Jay Westfield Elementary
Rumney Memorial School
Salisbury Community
Ferrisburgh Central School
Washington Village School
Woodstock Union Middle & HS

**Previous Planning Grant School*

