

## Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets

# Rozo McLaughlin Farm to School Program

The Vermont Farm to School and Childcare Grant Program strives to improve the education and health of Vermont's students, and positively impact the local economy, by providing Vermont schools and childcare programs with technical and financial assistance to develop and execute farm to school and farm to childcare programs. These programs integrate fresh, healthy, locally grown foods and nutrition education into Vermont's cafeterias, classrooms and communities.



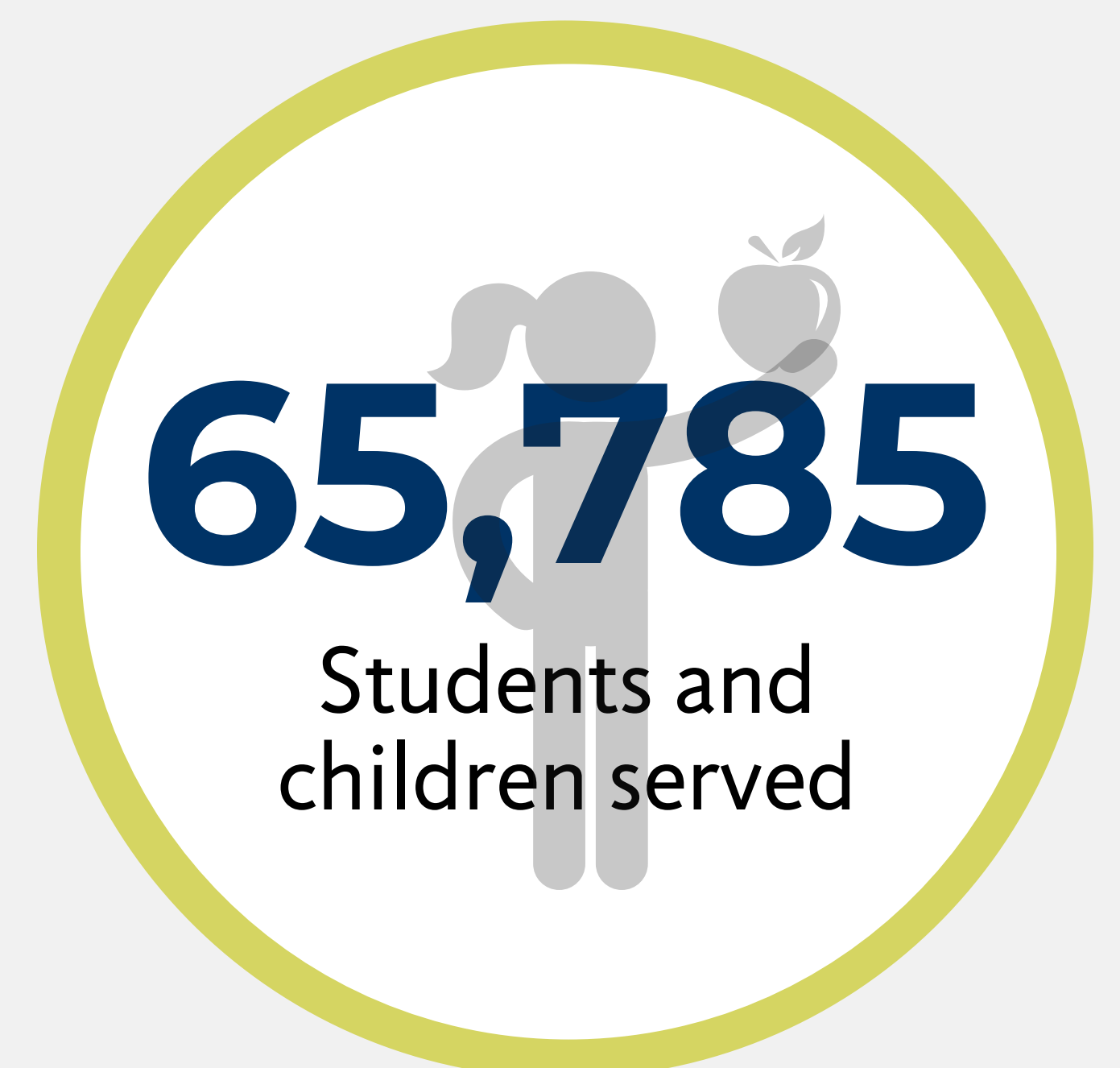
## Goals

The goals of the Farm to School and Childcare Grant Program are to help Vermont schools, districts, and supervisory unions develop sustainable farm to school and farm to childcare programs that:

- 1 Maximize equitable access to fresh, nutritious, locally grown foods.
- 2 Educate students and children about food systems and healthy eating habits through hands-on experiences.
- 3 Support and grow market opportunities for local producers and processors.

## 2007 - 2018 Farm to School Grants

\*2018 was the first year childcare programs received grants.



**\$1.18 Million**  
State funds invested

**\$543,410**  
Additional funds leveraged



# Grant Types Available in 2018

## NEW IN 2018!

Licensed or registered childcare programs were eligible to participate in the Vermont Farm to School and Childcare Program.

## Farm to School Child Nutrition

**\$15,000**

Farm to School and Childcare Nutrition grants provide schools and childcare programs with comprehensive technical and financial assistance to invest in farm to school and farm to childcare projects, including assistance in accessing federal child nutrition programs. The funding can be used to pay for activities like gardening and farm visits, local procurement planning, professional development for child nutrition staff and educators, and general infrastructure and equipment purchases.

## Farm to Childcare Equipment

**\$1,000**

Farm to Childcare Equipment Grants provide financial assistance to childcare facilities to purchase equipment that will improve their farm to childcare programs.

## Farm to School Milk Cooler

**\$1,000**

Grants are available to reimburse schools for the purchase of milk coolers to ensure students have access to fresh, nutritious dairy products.

"Farm to school grants provide a strong educational and health benefit for Vermont students, bringing communities together through farming, while enhancing Vermont's economy."

- ANSON TEBBETTS  
Agriculture Secretary



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