

School Gardening

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Today's Speakers



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Setting goals and Establishing an Evaluation Baseline

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Details

Date: Thu, Jan 28, 2016
Time: 02:00 PM EST
Duration: 45 minutes
Host: **Carren Quizon**

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Presenter Information

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Farm to School Census



I JUST VOTED IN USDA'S
"ONE IN A MELON"
CONTEST.

DO YOU KNOW A SCHOOL DISTRICT
WITH A GREAT FARM TO SCHOOL
PROGRAM?



Cast your vote too!
Contest closes April 15th



USDA The United States Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service

<https://farmtoschoolcensus.fns.usda.gov>



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SCHOOL NUTRITION

Breakfast is available for all students at each school. Breakfast times vary depending on the start of the school day, for more information, contact the School Nutrition Department at 270-686-1006.

School Nutrition Menus

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School Nutrition News

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[You Are What You Eat!!](#)



SCHOOL GARDENS

Bridging the gap
between local foods on the line
and local foods on the plate

Kyla Van Deusen, Captain Planet
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Farm to School Programs Procurement - Education – School Gardens



How school gardens increase consumption

In the garden



In the classroom



In the cafeteria



Feedback from teachers

“Because of incorporating garden lessons and taste tests into the STEM lab, my students are eating green things for the first time ever!”

-Elementary school STEM lab coordinator, Cobb County, GA

“Students in my class are often eating vegetables for the first time ever, and their test scores are improving much more than students with teachers not doing garden-based learning.”

-Middle school science teacher, DeKalb County, GA

How to incorporate school gardens into your farm to school program

- Classroom
 - Core standards
 - Project Based Learning
 - STEAM
- Service learning
- After school
- Summer
- Garden to cafeteria



What is Garden to Cafeteria?



Just a little is enough to count!



Garden to Cafeteria Programs Across the Country

- Ventura
- Denver
- Chicago
- Minneapolis
- Sarasota
- Atlanta



Garden to Cafeteria Considerations

Food Safety

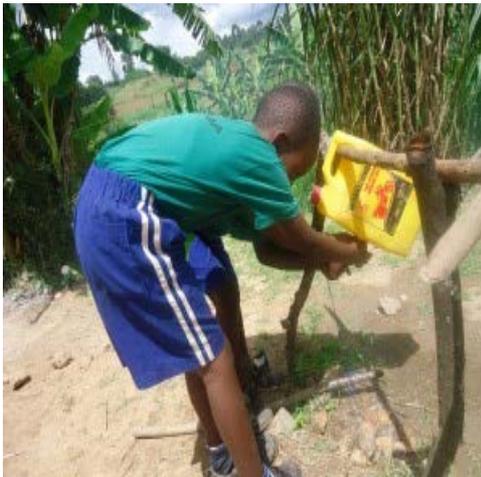
Seasonality

Partnerships



Food Safety

- Personal hygiene
- Garden hygiene
- Post-harvest handling



Tippy tap for
handwashing



Seasonality

Ready to harvest! Wait,
where are the kids?



Oh, here they come!
Wait, where is the
garden?



Indoor Options



Summer Maintenance Models

- Interns/work experience
- Volunteers
- Auction-a-bed
- Sign-up software
- Mulch
- Cover crop
- Low-maintenance vegetables for summer



Partners

- School districts
- USDA/FNS
- Grant-making organizations
 - Local
 - National
- Non-Profit Organizations
- School Food Contractors
- School communities



3 Keys to Success for School Gardens

1. Start small
2. Garden with purpose
3. Create meaning



Build Your Team!

Garden
Champion
Syndrome:
thinking that
one person
equals a
garden team



Resources

- Captainplanetfoundation.org
- Lifelab.org
- Thelunchbox.org - Garden as Classroom Manual
- Growing-Gardens.org – Manual



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Upcoming Webinar:
Curriculum Integration
April 7th, 2:00 PM EST



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