

FARM TO SCHOOL STATE FORMULA GRANTS DASHBOARD

Disclaimer

The dashboard currently displays data from the most recent Fiscal Year 2025 FNS-908 Performance Progress Report and reflects the cumulative progress of all Farm to School State Formula grantees. The dashboard is expected to be updated in February 2027 with the October progress reports collected at the end of FY 2026.

About the Dashboard

Background

To fundamentally strengthen the nation's food and agricultural supply chains, USDA's Food and Nutrition Administration (FNA), through the American Rescue Plan Act, provided Farm to School State Formula Grants to all state agencies administering the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). These grants were distributed to support state agency efforts to build and increase the capacity of NSLP-participating institutions – through coordination and technical assistance – in two areas: (1) procuring and using local foods in program meals, and (2) providing agricultural education opportunities for participating children. This approach supports the commitment of USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins to strengthen strategies that encourage healthy choices, healthy outcomes, and healthy families – by bolstering the supply chain now, through robust local networks, and in the future, by fostering a new generation of informed consumers and potential producers. FNA distributed these grants to all state agencies administering the NSLP over a four-year period (2022-2026), with amounts determined by a formula using 2019 NSLP enrollment data. This dashboard reports funding accepted by state agencies that have USDA-approved budget plans however some agencies did not accept funds, did not get approved budgets, or had reduced requests. Grantees were able to propose projects that support their state's unique needs to strengthen and expand farm to school implementation, which could include activities such as:

- Building capacity;
- Supporting local food procurement;
- Providing training and technical assistance to producers and program operators;
- Developing or offering local food promotional and educational activities for participating institutions and children, such as Harvest of the Month; or
- Conducting outreach to local producers or participating institutions not engaged in farm to school.

It is important to note that Farm to School State Formula Grants are not intended to support the direct purchase of food for use in program meals nor food production activities, but rather to fund the development of the infrastructure, such as human networks, knowledge, and skills that support the expansion of statewide farm to school operations. The grant empowers states to create innovative, need-specific, and lasting improvements to our agricultural supply chains, choosing policy options that protect both participants and taxpayers by solidifying the vital connection between local farms and school tables across the country.

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Source Data & Analysis

Data used for this dashboard was derived from the FNS-908 performance progress reports, which grant recipients submit annually to FNA. These reports provide a cumulative account of activities during the grant period, illustrating the ongoing development of farm to school initiatives. FNA uses this annual reporting to aggregate and communicate the overall impact of the State Formula Grants based on common metrics reported across the states. States are not required to report on metrics, as determined by the terms and conditions of the grant. However, states provided project details on both the required narrative sections and the optional pages of their reports. Given that recipients proposed unique activities and the lack of required metrics, the centralized indicators on the dashboard may not be relevant or available for a particular state's project and therefore are represented as a blank or shown as "0." To effectively capture the comprehensive scope of these projects, FNA staff synthesized and summarized both the quantitative metrics and required narrative sections from the state agencies' reports that informed this dashboard. These qualitative narrative details are crucial for providing context to the data, offering insights beyond the numbers and capturing a more complete picture of the projects' evolving strategies and outcomes. As a result, components derived from these narrative sections are also included in the dashboard to provide a more holistic view of the grantees' progress.

Current Status of State Formula Project Implementation

Due to the long-running nature of the Farm to School State Formula Grants (2022–2026), it is critical to understand that the metrics displayed so far only offer a snapshot of the grantees' cumulative progress up to the latest reporting period. Like any large, multi-year initiative, projects have faced unexpected challenges that require time and adaptation, from persistent procurement issues impacting local sourcing to staffing shortages and hiring freezes affecting state-level capacity building. Consequently, the activities captured do not reflect the full extent of each state's project. Grantees need time to fully adapt to these evolving circumstances and implement necessary adjustments to their project plans. When these grants conclude at the end of FY 2026, states will submit final reports identifying the accomplishments and results of their project, which will provide a complete accounting of project activities and outcomes through their period of performance. The full body of reporting will facilitate a complete understanding of the Farm to School State Formula Grants' impact on improvements to our nation's agricultural supply chains in building a more resilient food system.

Contact Information

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State Resources

State	State Resource
Alabama	https://www.alabamaachieves.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/CNP_20240925_Procuring-Local-Fruits-and-Vegetables_V1.0.pdf
Alaska	https://education.alaska.gov/cnp/akfts
Arizona	https://www.azfarmtoschool.org/
Arkansas	https://arfarmtoschool.org/
California	https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/he/farmtoschool.asp
Colorado	https://www.cde.state.co.us/nutrition/source-local-food
Connecticut	https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/ct-fresh-ed
Delaware	https://agriculture.delaware.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/108/2024/06/Delaware-Farm-to-School-Producer_Buyer-List.6.11.24.pdf
District of Columbia	https://osse.dc.gov/service/farm-school-program
District of Columbia	https://osse.dc.gov/node/1740176
Florida	https://farmtoschoolfl.com/academy/about/
Georgia	https://gadoe.org/snp/farm-to-school/
Guam	N/A
Hawaii	https://hcnp.hawaii.gov/farm-to-school/
Idaho	https://www.sde.idaho.gov/about-us/departments/child-nutrition-programs/patrick-leahy-farm-to-school-program/
Illinois	https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Nutrition-Farm-to-School.aspx
Indiana	https://www.in.gov/doe/nutrition/farm-to-school/
Iowa	https://educate.iowa.gov/pk-12/operation-support/nutrition-programs/school-meals/farm-school
Kansas	https://cnw.ksde.gov/f2p/program-overview
Louisiana	https://seedstosuccess.com/
Maine	https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/programs/farmtoschool
Maryland	https://mda.maryland.gov/farm-to-school/Pages/farm-to-school.aspx
Massachusetts	N/A
Michigan	https://www.canr.msu.edu/farm-to-school/
Minnesota	https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/FNS/farm/
Mississippi	N/A
Missouri	https://dese.mo.gov/financial-admin-services/food-nutrition-services/farm-school
Montana	https://opi.mt.gov/Leadership/Management-Operations/School-Nutrition/Montana-Team-Nutrition-Farm-to-School
Nebraska	https://www.education.ne.gov/ns/farm-to-school/
Nevada	https://agri.nv.gov/Food/Farm-To-School-Program/Farm-to-School-Program/

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New Hampshire	N/A
New Jersey	https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/farmtoschool/
New Mexico	https://web.ped.nm.gov/bureaus/student-success-wellness/nutrition/farm-to-school/#:~:text=PED%20works%20to%20strengthen%20K,education%20practices%20across%20New%20Mexico
New York	https://www.cn.nysed.gov/farmtoschool
North Carolina	N/A
North Dakota	https://www.nd.gov/dpi/districtschools/child-nutrition-and-food-distribution/farm-child-nutrition
Ohio	https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Food-and-Nutrition/Farm-to-School-Initiative/Grow-Ohio
Oklahoma	https://okfarmtoschool.com/
Oregon	https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/childnutrition/f2s/pages/default.aspx
Pennsylvania	N/A
Puerto Rico	https://www.cemipr.org/f2s
Rhode Island	https://ride.ri.gov/child-nutrition/resource-library/farm-to-school
South Carolina	N/A
South Dakota	https://doe.sd.gov/farmtoschool/
Tennessee	https://www.tn.gov/education/districts/snp-resources/snp-marketing.html
Texas	https://squaremeals.org/FandN-Resources/Texas-Farm-Fresh
Utah	https://www.utfarmtofork.org
Vermont	N/A
Virginia	https://www.doe.virginia.gov/programs-services/school-operations-support-services/school-nutrition/programs-promotions-and-initiatives/virginia-farm-to-school
Virginia	https://www.doe.virginia.gov/programs-services/school-operations-support-services/school-and-community-nutrition/virginia-food-for-virginia-kids
Washington	https://ospi.k12.wa.us/policy-funding/child-nutrition/farm-school
West Virginia	https://www.wvfarmtoschools.com/
Wisconsin	https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/farm-to-school
Wyoming	https://edu.wyoming.gov/parents/nutrition/wyoming-farm-to-school/