

# Montana findings from the

## Farm to School Activities and Outcomes

### Farm to school participation in Montana

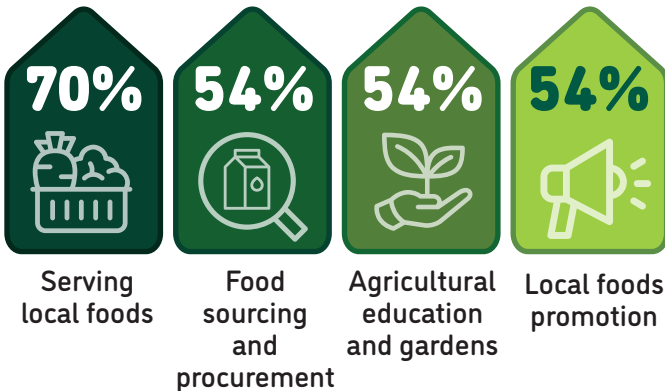
Montana **79%** of SFAs did at least one farm to school activity

Nationally **74%**

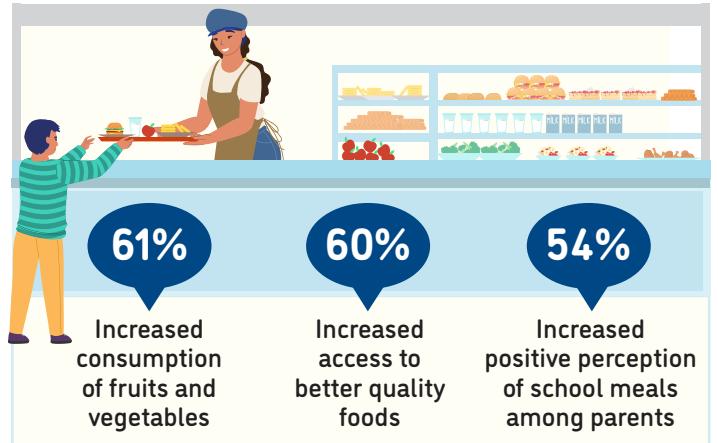
These SFAs included **374** schools and **94,732** students



### Farm to school activity participation among SFAs



### Positive outcomes of SFAs from farm to school participation



**67%** of all schools served local food

**68%** of SFAs participating in farm to school served local foods at least weekly



### Local items that SFAs spent the most on



For more information on the Farm to School Census, visit: <https://farmtoschoolcensus.fns.usda.gov/>

# Montana Farm to School Environment

In total, SFAs spent

**\$5 million**

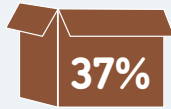
on all local food

**\$3 million**

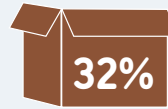
on local fluid milk alone

Among SFAs doing farm to school, 16% of their spending was on local foods

Challenges farm to school SFAs faced when procuring local foods



Limited availability of local foods



Local foods are more expensive



Local foods not available from primary vendors



How SFAs fund farm to school

11%

28%

20%

12%

9%



Farm to school SFAs with at least one full or part-time staff who used some of their time for farm to school

76%



Farm to school SFAs with at least one full-time staff dedicated to farm to school

41%



## Road Ahead

SFAs that don't participate in farm to school would like

83%



Targeted funding to improve kitchen capacity

83%



Training/technical assistance on finding local foods

65%



More funding for SFAs in general