

Farm to School Grant Program 2022-23 Awardees

Adams County

Gettysburg Montessori Charter School | Award \$2,250

Project to include: Hosting the Mobile Ag Lab at their school for students K-8.

Allegheny County

Elizabeth Forward School District | Award \$15,000

Project to include: Incorporating the recently acquired Freight Farm (vertical hydroponic farm) into their classroom.

Manchester Academic Charter School | Award \$14,850

Project to include: Building upon agriculture learning through family engagement opportunities in cooking classes, featuring products from Oasis Farm and Fishery and the school garden.

Beaver County

Riverside Beaver County School District | Award \$1,268

Project to include: Taking 99 first grade elementary students to attend a field trip at Cheeseman Farm in the Fall of 2022 and be allotted the opportunity to learn about planting, weeding, and harvesting from our local agricultural experts.

Big Beaver Falls Area School District | Award \$5,417

Project to include: Providing elementary students an opportunity to visit Apple Castle, a working farm and orchard, stock local fruits in the cafeteria, fund a Farm to School Coordinator stipend, and host school-wide and cafeteria-based promotions events and activities.

Berks County

Tulpehocken Area School District | Award \$15,000

Project to include: Increasing the amount of local foods purchased by the Tulpehocken Food Service Department and served to K-8 students in the cafeteria.

Kutztown Area School District | Award \$15,000

Project to include: Procuring locally grown foods, featuring these local foods on our menu on Fridays, calling it Farm Fresh Fridays.

Hamburg Area School District | Award \$15,000

Project to include: Incorporate Farm Fresh Fridays by partnering with Dirt2Dinner Distribution.

Schuylkill Valley School District | Award \$15,000

Project to include: Incorporate Farm Fresh Fridays by partnering with Dirt2Dinner Distribution. In addition, students will learn about healthy eating and exercise through the use of a yogurt Smoothie Bike.

Conrad Weiser Area School District | Award \$10,000

Project to include: Provide agricultural education materials to both district elementary schools for better integration of the agricultural sciences into K-4 curriculum. In addition, free community food refrigerators will be established to combat food insecurity, as well as educate students on nutrition and local food production.

The Children's Home of Reading | Award \$15,000

Project to include: Procure local fruits, vegetables, protein foods, and dairy from local farms. Students will use a smoothie blender bike to make smoothies with local ingredients.

Bradford County

Northeast Bradford School District | Award \$6,000

Project to include: Facilitating experience for students in raising livestock.

Bucks County

Bucks County Intermediate Unit | Award \$14,898

Project to include: Creating the Fab Lab Hydroponics Project to provide professional learning for teachers, develop curriculum around nutrition and hydroponics, and manage the hydroponic growing process.

Butler County

Seneca Valley Academy of Choice | Award \$14,085

Project to include: Create and maintain a hydroponics school & community garden

Haine Middle School | Award \$14,085

Project to include: Create and maintain three hydroponic systems to enhance curriculum and expose students to agriculture, farming and nutrition.

Centre County

The Learning Station | Award \$14,700

Project to include: The Learning Station will renovate and expand their school Garden, enjoy field trips to local farms, purchase local meat, dairy and produce, conduct staff trainings and implement agriculture curriculum.

Chester County

Owen J Roberts School District | Award \$15,000

Project to include: Procure products from Frecon Farm and Kolb's Dairy Farm for all five of their elementary schools.

Avon Grove Charter School | Award \$6,500

Project to include: : Procure foods from Basciani Foods, Glen Willow Orchards, and Lehigh Dairy for Grades K through 3 to experience interactive agricultural curriculum in their school garden.

The Children's Treehouse Early Learning Center | Award \$10,525

Project to include: Implementation of the Color Me Healthy Curriculum, support of a hydroponic children's garden, attend a farm field trip and to participate in Community Supported Agriculture (CSA).

Avon Grove School District | Award \$5,908

Project to include: Purchase of Hydroponic Tower Gardens to teach young students about the lidfecycle of plants and provide fresh produce to the cafeteria.

Unionville Chadds Ford School District | Award \$3,058

Project to include: Learning more about honeybees and beekeeping through Revolution Bees. Several varieties of local honey will be purchased and paired with local produce for cafeteria taste tests

Great Valley School District | Award \$7,500

Project to include: Purchase of local foods including seasonal produce, yogurt, and other products as the become available.

Cumberland County

Saint Patrick Parish and School Charitable Trust | Award \$7,740

Project to include: Expand current Farm to School program and add a new kindergarten vegetable tasting program

Big Spring School District | Award \$15,000

Project to include: Expand both food production and food preparation infrastructure in the middle school, including hydroponics grow systems and classroom kitchen resources.

Dauphin County

Susquehanna Township School District | Award \$10,268

Project to include: Expand raised bed gardens at middle school with addition of a greenhouse and outdoors classroom infrastructure.

Erie County

Elk Valley School District | Award \$15,000

Project to include: Expanding existing school garden by adding 2 raised beds to grow pumpkins and incorporate learning about growing cycles into classroom curriculum. K-4th grade students will take field trips to: Godfrey Farm, Mason Farms Pumpkin Town, Asbury Woods and Port Farms.

Early Connections, Inc. | Award \$8,589.66

Project to include: Incorporate gardening into pre-K curriculum, add taste-testing of nutritious foods, and procurement from local farms.

Fayette County

East End United Community Center | Award \$15,000

Project to include: Inform faculty, students, and family of the importance of agriculture and nutrition of the body, bring awareness to local farms, and highlight how healthy foods can also be tasty.

Greene County

Carmichaels Area School District | Award \$10,655

Project to include: Establish a student apple orchard and fund an educational field trip for students to visit working orchard.

Lancaster County

New Holland Early Learning Center | Award \$15,000

Project to include: Education for staff, experiential learning, gardening, field trip to Oregon Dairy and connection to a local farmer.

Lawrence County

Pre-K Kids Learning Center | Award \$11,677.50

Project to include: Take students on field trips to Marburger Dairy Farm and Apple Castle, purchase local dairy products, fruits, and vegetables. Additionally, sustain the Center's operation of its eight garden beds.

Lebanon County

Annville-Cleona School District | Award \$15,000

Project to include: Purchase 4 hydroponic gardens from Flex Farms to grow lettuce in elementary schools in addition to partnering with local 4H chapter to provide mentoring to students about gardening and food service vendor to incorporate lettuce into school meals.

Eastern Lebanon County School District | Award \$15,000

Project to include: Incorporate Farm Fresh Fridays by partnering with Dirt2Dinner Distribution

Lehigh County

Jewish Day School of the Lehigh Valley | Award \$15,000

Project to include: Establishes a five days a week healthy lunch plan and includes doubling the school garden beds, adding a curriculum that bridges gardening, nutrition, and science using standards-aligned lessons focusing on student inquiry and investigation into health, earth and life sciences, math, literacy, and social science.

Seven Generations Charter School | Award \$10,715

Project to include: Develop an outdoor learning space that students in multiple grades will utilize for hands-on learning. Also include field trips to four farms for first graders to experience hands-on applications in their community.

Mifflin County

Sacred Heart of Jesus School | Award \$8,400

Project to include: Partner with Village Acres and Let-Us Grow farms for field trips and purchasing of local food products for classroom taste tests, bring Mobile Ag Lab to school, and provide recordings of agriculture lessons to extend agriculture activities to students' home environments.

Monroe County

Pocono Mountain School District | Award \$5,052.13

Project to include: Hire a part-time registered dietician to help implement wellness initiatives in the district to include procurement and incorporation of local produce and herbs into school meals and install five hydroponic gardens in schools.

Montgomery County

Colonial School District | Award \$13,110

Project to include: Offer locally grown products, accompanied by fun promotional materials in elementary school cafeterias

Upper Dublin School District | Award \$4,995

Project to include: Incorporate hydroponics growing systems into the Head Start program located in the high school, where high school students interact with the preschool students.

Perry County

West Perry School District | Award \$11,837.50

Project to include: Continue the progress made in the previous school year with 4th grade students in teaching agricultural science concepts, exposing them to local farms, and providing knowledge about farming as an exciting and viable career

Newport School District | Award \$5,300

Project to include: Work with the LEAF Project to teach vital agriculture and science education to fourth graders, exposure to local farms, and will provide knowledge about farming as an exciting and viable career.

Philadelphia County

Hope Partnership for Education | Award \$15,000

Project to include: Intends to provide students and families access to fresh, local, organic, and affordable produce, knowledge about growing these foods for themselves, knowledge on how to consume, prepare, and preserve produce for nourishment and sustenance, and hands-on opportunities to experience urban agriculture, connection to green spaces in the city, and environmental education.

Methodist Services | Award \$15,000

Project to include: Provide preschool and kindergarten students with farm-based experiences and nutrition education.

Pike County

Wallenpaupack Area School District | Award \$15,000

Project to include: Provide students with classroom and laboratory instruction, leadership development, and experiential learning including the purchase of a greenhouse.

Schuylkill County

Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 | Award \$15,000

Project to include: Teach students how to create and maintain an urban vegetable garden and native pollinator habitat while making healthy food choices. Activities will include families and the community, local farmers, staff and students. It will also teach the importance of sourcing produce grown on PA farms.

Tioga County

Wellsboro Area School District | Award \$2,000

Project to include: Host the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Mobile Ag Lab in elementary and middle schools for students to learn about agriculture and agriculture-related careers.

Washington County

California Area School District | Award \$12,924

Project to include: The Pollinators, Plants, Poultry and Schools (of Fish) Right in Our Backyard project will show children how local food is grown and produced, and develop connections with local farmers.

Westmoreland County

Queen of Angels Catholic School | Award \$12,000

Project to include: Use Adventures in Agriculture Program to educate students in the importance of eating locally produced foods, teaching them how to prepare meals from fresh ingredients, connecting them to the local agricultural community, and combating food insecurity.