



NATIONAL
FARM to SCHOOL
NETWORK

2016
BY THE
NUMBERS

15,000 MEMBERS

10 MIL

REACHED DURING
NATIONAL FARM TO
SCHOOL MONTH

36 STATE FARM TO
SCHOOL BILLS
INTRODUCED

97.2%

CORE PARTNERS
SATISFIED
WITH SUPPORT
PROVIDED
BY NFSN

950

EVENTS CONVENED
OR ATTENDED⁺

423

INTERACTIONS WITH
POLICYMAKERS⁺

201 NEW RESOURCES DEVELOPED⁺

MOVEMENT GROWTH

42%

of U.S. schools
participate in
farm to school*

54%

of respondents on a
national survey participate
in farm to ECE[#]

\$789 MIL

spent on local food*

7,101

school gardens*

*Reported by National Farm to School Network (NFSN) staff and 2016 Core Partners, which included 8 Regional Leads and 51 State Leads

*USDA Farm to School Census 2015 (for 2013-2014 school year)

[#]NFSN Survey of Early Care and Education Providers 2016

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Movement Building

Hosted the [8th National Farm to Cafeteria Conference](#) in Madison, Wis., bringing together 1,048 farm to cafeteria leaders from across the country for three days of learning, networking, resource sharing and movement building. More than 95% of attendees indicated that the conference increased their potential for collaboration and partnerships that will enhance their work.



Farm to Early Care and Education

The [2015 NFSN survey of Early Care and Education \(ECE\) Providers](#) showed 54% of respondents already integrating farm to ECE and another 28% planning to start soon. Engaged diverse stakeholders with a national farm to ECE listserv and quarterly webinars.



State-Level Support

Doubled farm to school activities in [Kentucky, Louisiana and Pennsylvania](#) with dedicated funding and technical assistance for 100 schools. At the completion of this Seed Change 18-month project, the schools reported procuring local foods from more than 277 producers, creating over 20 new paid farm to school positions and securing \$600,000 in additional funding for ongoing farm to school activities.



Policy Advocacy

Continued advocacy for the [Child Nutrition Act reauthorization](#), including successful integration and bipartisan support of Farm to School Act of 2015 priorities in both Senate and House committee bills. Organized a [paper plate advocacy campaign](#), delivering more than 550 messages of support for farm to school and healthy school meals to legislators on Capitol Hill.



Resource Development

NFSN Core Partners and staff developed 201 farm to school resources, which were disseminated to over 700,000 people. We convened or participated in 950 events, reaching over 1 million people through presentations on farm to school and ECE.



Community Engagement

Celebrated [National Farm to School Month](#) in October with 224 outreach partner organizations and farm to school champions across the country. Our 2016 campaign spread farm to school messages to a national audience of more than 10 million.

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