



FARM TO INSTITUTION

INSTITUTIONALIZING LOCAL PROCUREMENT

Farm to institution programs support local agriculture by encouraging use of local foods in schools, hospitals, early childhood centers, and senior centers. The opportunity for access to this market supports the local food economy and public health by increasing availability of healthy food. Farm to institution projects are well established throughout the northwest Michigan region. This task force will build on current successes to expand local procurement and work to increase institutional market diversity.

FARM TO SCHOOL

In 2011-2012, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) conducted the first nationwide Farm to School Census. In the survey, districts reported the number of schools participating in a Farm to School program. A second census for the 2013-2014 school year has not yet been published. Preliminary data indicates increased participation. *Source: USDA Farm to School Census 2013 and 2015*

FARM TO SCHOOL PARTICIPATION



NUMBER OF NW MI SCHOOLS