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Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)

2015-16 Training



Wednesday September 9, 2015

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18 School Districts • 90 Schools

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FFVP Goals

- **CREATE** a healthier school environment
- **EXPAND** variety of fresh fruits and vegetables (FFVs) that children experience
- **INCREASE** children's fruit and vegetable consumption
- **MAKE** a difference in children's diets to impact their present and future health

Fruit Served

APPLES

McIntosh
Gala
Golden Delicious
Grabs/Grins
Granny Smith
Red Delicious
Cortland
Mutsu (Crispin)
Empire
Cameo
Macoun
Belltown
Rome
Pink Lady
Nova Spy

BANANAS

Petit Yellow

GRAPES

Giggles
Red
Green

PEACH

Eastern

PEARS

Red
Bosc
Bartlett
D'Anjou
Asian
Comice
Seckel

PLUMS

Red
Black
Angelino
Larry Anne

PINEAPPLE

Pals

ORANGES

Smiles
Navel
Blood
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OTHERS

Strawberries
Honeydew
Cantaloupe
Mango
Clementines
Raspberries
Blueberries
Kiwi
Watermelon
Tangerine
Papaya
Star fruit
Grapefruit
Tangelo
Ugli Fruit
Blackberries
Nectarine
Apricots

Vegetables Served

CARROTS

Baby
Sticks

CELERY

Sticks

BROCCOLI

Florets

GREEN PEPPER

Sticks/Strips

RED PEPPER

Strips

YELLOW PEPPER

Sticks

TOMATO

Grape
Cherry

CUCUMBER

Kirby
English

GREEN SQUASH

Sticks

YELLOW SQUASH

Sticks

LETTUCE

Green Leaf

MUSHROOM

Baby Bella

YELLOW SQUASH

Sticks

LETTUCE

Green Leaf

MUSHROOM

Baby Bella

OTHERS

Zucchini

Avocado

Garlic

Radish

Jicama

Snap Pea

Snow Pea

Potato

Onion

Pumpkin

Green Beans

Yellow Beans

Cauliflower

Butternut Squash

Funding

- Connecticut's \$2,736,744 allocation includes
 - state administration
 - start-up funds (July-September)
 - remaining funds (October-June)
- Per school funding calculated based on **ENROLLMENT** figures

Funding

- Per student allocation of **\$50-75 PER YEAR**
- Actual for 2015-16 prorated based on number of serving days
 - **5 days: \$62.17**
 - **4 days: \$59.17**
 - **3 days: \$56.17**
 - **2 days: \$53.17**

Funding

- **Cannot overspend start-up funds**
- **Cannot use school food service account funds to extend program**

Funding



Spending all your funds?

Publicize

- Press Releases
- Menus
- Newsletters
- Posters
- Calendars

Who can Participate?

Free for ALL students

Children with Special Dietary Needs

- Schools must provide accommodations for children **WITH DISABILITIES** based on medical statements
- Schools may need to modify texture
 - Consider pureeing **FRESH** fruits and vegetables whenever possible instead of pureeing **canned or frozen** fruits and vegetables, or using **baby food**
- When needed, fresh vegetables may be cooked and pureed
- School's obligation to parents and physicians

Serving FFVs

A vibrant and diverse collection of fresh fruits and vegetables is displayed on a wooden surface. The assortment includes green and red apples, bunches of purple and dark grapes, bright red strawberries, several whole oranges, a large red pomegranate, a yellow lemon, a green lime, and several carrots. In the foreground, there are several white mushrooms. Other items visible include a bunch of bananas, a red bell pepper, a cucumber, and a bunch of leafy greens. The overall scene is colorful and emphasizes the freshness and variety of the produce.

When and how often?

Best Places Provide Children Easy Access to FFVs

- **Inside classrooms**
- **In hallways**
- **Inside nurse's office or school office**
- **At kiosks**
- **In free vending machines**
- **As part of nutrition education activities**

Allowable Fruits and Vegetables



FRESH

Prohibited Fruits and Vegetables



Dried



Canned



Frozen

Prohibited Foods

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

- Canned, frozen, vacuum-packed or dried fruits and vegetables (no processed or preserved)
- Fruit/vegetable pizza
- Fruit injected with flavorings
- Fruit or vegetable juice
- Carbonated fruit
- Jellied fruit
- Snack-type fruits, e.g., leathers, strips, drops
- Smoothies

OTHER FOODS/ITEMS

- Trail mix
- Nuts
- Cottage cheese
- Dip for fruits
- Most nonfood items except allowed under administrative and operation costs

Purchasing Fruits and Vegetables

- **Must follow proper procurement procedures (7 CFR 3016.36)**
- **Formal or informal procurements must occur (SP 25-2014)**
 - **Cannot purchase directly from DOD Vendor**
- **Can purchase from local farmers and growers**

Purchasing Fruits and Vegetables

- FFV purchased with FFVP funds cannot be used to replaced FFV in SBP and NSLP
- Can choose to apply geographic preference when procuring unprocessed fresh, locally grown or locally raised agricultural products
- Pages 17-19 in FFVP Handbook



Buy American Requirements

- **Must follow Buy American requirement when using FFVP funds (NSLP)**
- **Two rare exceptions (SP 29-2006)**
 - **Product not produced or manufactured in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonable available quantities of a satisfactory quality**
 - **Competitive bids reveal cost of a U.S. product is significantly higher than the foreign product**
- **Pages 18-19 in FFVP Handbook**



<http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/regulations-policies/usda-policy-memos/2006/sp-29-2006.pdf>

www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/deps/nutrition/ffvp/FFVP_Handbook.pdf

Buy American Requirements

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- Include a **BUY AMERICAN CLAUSE** in all procurement documents, such as
 - product specifications
 - bid solicitations
 - requests for proposals
 - purchase orders
 - **MONITOR** contractor performance

Buy American Requirements

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- Require suppliers to **CERTIFY ORIGIN** of the product
 - Examine **PRODUCT PACKAGING** for identification of country of origin
 - Ask supplier for specific information about **PERCENTAGE OF U.S. CONTENT** in the food product

A Few Jokes

- A mushroom walks into a bar. The bartender says, "We don't serve vegetables!" The mushroom responds, "But I'm a fungi!"
- Why did the man at the orange juice factory lose his job? *He couldn't concentrate!*
- How do you fix a cracked pumpkin? *With a pumpkin patch!*
- Why did the corn stalk get mad at the farmer? *He kept pulling its ears!*
- What kind of vegetable likes to look at animals? *A zoo-chini!*
- Why was the tomato blushing? *Because it saw the salad dressing*
- What is a vampire's favorite fruit? *A neck-tarine!*

Reimbursable Costs

Two Categories

- Operating
- Administrative

Reimbursable Costs

OPERATING

- **Costs for running the FFVP service**
- **Expenses incurred for purchasing, delivering, preparing and serving FFVs**
 - **Buying FFVs**
 - **Buying nonfood items such as napkins, paper plates, bowls, cleaning supplies, trash bags, smallwares**
 - **Salaries/benefits (prep/serve)**

Reimbursable Costs

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Less than 10% of each school's allocation, not grant as a whole
- Must justify on monthly report

Equipment Costs

- **Must be prorated if used for multiple programs**
- **Large equipment requires written justification and prior CSDE approval (FFVP Handbook page 22)**
- **If in doubt, contact CSDE**

Monthly Claim

- Complete and submit **ACCURATE** monthly claim report
- Due the 15th of each month

CNP Online System

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Links

- State Department of Education
- CACFP Resources
- SNP Resources



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Budgets Due

■ **SEPTEMBER 11**

- Inform CSDE of start-up fund status
- All funds will be spent
- Funds will be carried over to October

■ **SEPTEMBER 25**

- Budget due to CSDE for remaining funds
- Budget worksheets will be sent out

Required Paperwork

- **Maintain full and accurate records on file for**
 - a period of **THREE YEARS** after the end of the fiscal year to which they pertain
 - OR**
 - longer if there are any audit findings

Maintain on File

- **Application**
- **Agreement: Addendum to the ED-099**
- **Payroll records**
- **Monthly claims**
- **Invoices**
- **Purchase order information**
- **Procurement documentation
(formal or informal procurements)**
- **Nutrition education materials**
- **Vendors/local farmers**
- **Copy of FFVP Handbook**



During NSLP Administrative Review

- **View program**
- **Review paperwork**
- **Review with food service director**

Produce Safety

- Storing
- Preparation
- Serving

Produce Safety Resources



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Produce Safety Resources



A series of resources on produce safety that describe best practices for receiving, storing, handling, and purchasing fresh and fresh-cut produce through videos, fact sheets, and PowerPoint presentations. ET106-11.

[Produce Safety Videos](#)

[The Produce Lab Videos - Culinary Techniques](#)

[The Produce Lab Videos - Good Agricultural Practices \(GAPS\)](#)

[The Produce Lab Videos - Quality and Condition](#)

[Produce Safety Fact Sheets](#)

[Produce Safety Presentations and Talking Points](#)

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Fight Bac Food Safety Resources

The screenshot displays the Fight Bac website interface. At the top left is the Fight Bac logo, a circular graphic with four quadrants labeled 'CLEAN', 'SEPARATE', 'COOK', and 'CHILL', with a red 'X' over the 'SEPARATE' quadrant. The text 'Keep Food Safe From Bacteria' is written around the logo. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'FIGHT BAC! Partnership for Food Safety Education' and 'Supporting consumers to prevent food poisoning.' In the top right corner, there are links for 'RETAILER SUPPORT | EVENTS | BLOG |' and 'LOVE OUR DOWNLOADS?' with a 'Donate Today!' button. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: 'FOOD SAFETY BASICS -', 'FOOD POISONING -', 'FOOD SAFETY EDUCATION -', 'FOR KIDS -', 'FREE RESOURCES -', 'ABOUT US -', and 'GET INVOLVED -'. The main content area features a large image of hands chopping vegetables on a cutting board. Overlaid on this image is a blue box with the text 'The core four practices' and 'SEPARATE' in large white letters, followed by 'Don't cross-contaminate!'. At the bottom of the page, there is a navigation bar with buttons for 'CLEAN', 'SEPARATE', 'COOK', 'CHILL', and 'WHAT'S NEW?'. The background of the entire page is a collage of fresh fruits and vegetables.

www.fightbac.org/

CSDE FFVP Web Page



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Connecticut Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program



FFVP Goals

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|  |  |  |  |
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Nutrition Education and Resources

Relate the FFVP to

- **ChooseMyPlate**
Half your plate is fruits and vegetables
- **School lunch meal pattern**
- **More fruits and vegetables matter!**



EHHD Produce of the Week

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Eastern Highlands Health District

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Preventing Illness and Promoting Wellness for Communities in Eastern Connecticut
Andover ★ Ashford ★ Bolton ★ Chaplin ★ Columbia ★ Coventry ★ Mansfield ★ Scotland ★ Tolland ★ Willington

You are here: HEALTH PROMOTION » PRODUCE OF THE WEEK » PRODUCE OF THE WEEK

EHHD Produce of the Week

CLICK ON THE PRODUCE LINKS BELOW FOR FLIERS CONTAINING

∞ Purchasing & Storing Tips ∞ Interesting Facts ∞ Great Recipes ∞

| | Week 1 | Week 2 | Week 3 | Week 4 | Week 5 |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
| January | Bok Choy | Brussels Sprouts | Grapefruit | Mushrooms | Dried Fruits & Veg |
| February | Butternut squash | Tangerines | Kale | Oranges | |
| March | Artichokes | Honeydew Melon | Leeks | Banana | Snow Peas |
| April | Mango | Apricots | Spinach | Collards | |
| May | Rhubarb | Broccoli | Salad Greens | Asparagus | |
| June | Strawberries | Peas | Raspberries | Summer Squash | |
| July | Cantaloupe | Tomatoes | Sweet Corn | Peaches | |
| August | Peppers | Nectarine | Blueberries | Watermelon | Eggplant |
| September | Green Beans | Pears | Beets | Cucumber | Carrots |
| October | Apples | Cauliflower | Cabbage | Pumpkin | |
| November | Sweet Potatoes | Onion | Winter Squash | Cranberries | |
| December | Potatoes | Garlic | Turnips | Pomegranate | Kumquat |

www.ehhd.org/content/103/151/default.aspx

Nutrition Education

- Sign up to be a Team Nutrition School at <http://teamnutrition.usda.gov/>
- Team Nutrition Resources Library
 - *Nutrition Voyage: The Quest to Be Our Best Lessons* for grades 7-8
 - Topics A- Z
 - ▶ team nutrition
 - ▶ training materials
 - ▶ fruit and vegetable resources
- Pages 20-21 in FFVP Handbook

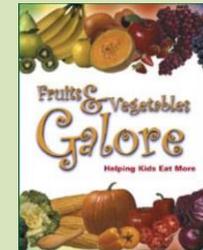


www.fns.usda.gov/tn/team-nutrition

Nutrition Education

- **USDA's *Fruits and Vegetables Galore***

www.fns.usda.gov/tn/fruits-vegetables-galore-helping-kids-eat-more



- **Pages 20-21 in FFVP Handbook**

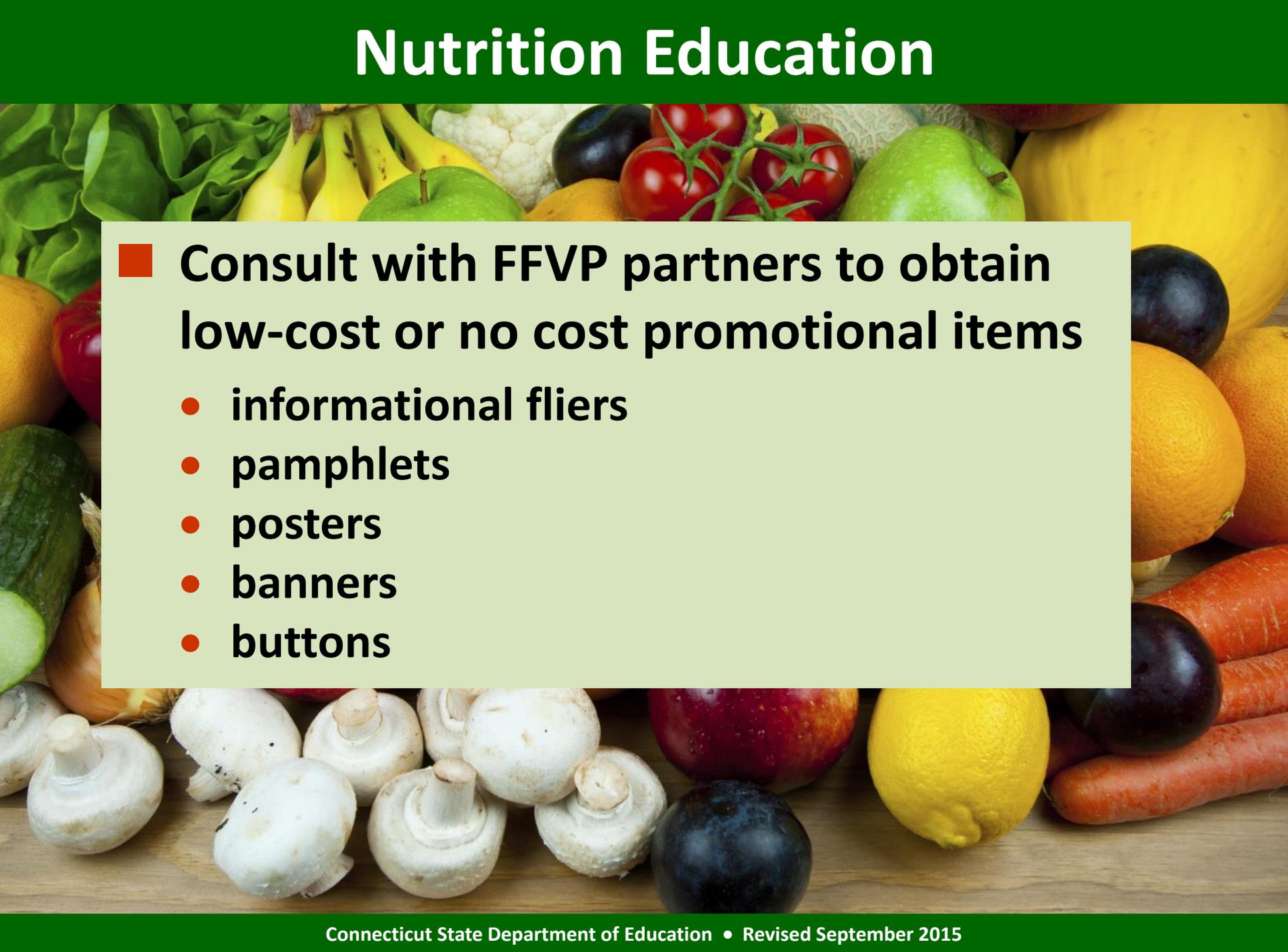


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Nutrition Education

- **Activities should fit your students and school community**
- **Plan assemblies and health fairs**
- **Taste tests with graphing results**
- **In-school market**

Nutrition Education

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- **Consult with FFVP partners to obtain low-cost or no cost promotional items**
 - informational fliers
 - pamphlets
 - posters
 - banners
 - buttons

Nutrition Education

- **Promote the FFVP on monthly menus or newsletters that go out to parents**
 - Include students by having them create and publish the newsletter
- **Create posters, banners, fliers as part of art/nutrition lessons**

Nutrition Education

■ Use available resources

- USDA Team Nutrition
- Fruits and Veggies More Matters
- CSDE Web page
- Other FFVP national partners

USDA Team Nutrition



How To Apply

- [▶ Become a TN School](#)

Popular Topics

- [▶ HealthierUS Schools](#)
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- [▶ Graphics Library](#)
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- [▶ Resource Order Form](#)

Other Useful Links

- [▶ Healthy Meals Resource System](#)
- [▶ Healthy Access Locator](#)
- [▶ Best Practices Sharing Center](#)
- [▶ School Day Just Got Healthier](#)

Team Nutrition

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MyPlate for Kids

Free songs, posters, lessons, books, handouts, and more.

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Team Nutrition is an initiative of the USDA Food and Nutrition Service to support the Child Nutrition Programs through training and technical assistance for foodservice, nutrition education for children and their caregivers, and school and community support for healthy eating and physical activity.

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[Nutrition and Wellness Tips for Young Children Supplement C: Encourage Healthful Foods](#)



[What's Shaking? Sodium Reduction Infographic for School Nutrition Professionals](#)

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FILL HALF YOUR PLATE WITH FRUITS & VEGGIES

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USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Toolkit

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

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FFVP Toolkit

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program provides all students in selected elementary schools with free and reduced price enrollment with a wide variety of healthy fresh fruits and vegetables. This site provides Webcasts, templates, presentations, and resources from state agencies to help you build a successful Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program in your school.

Webcasts and Webinars



- [Goals and Benefits \(with captions\)](#)
- [State Outreach Requirements](#)
- [FFVP & H1N1 \(with captions\)](#)

Other Tools

- [Templates](#)
- [FNS Resources](#)
- [State and Locally-Developed Materials](#)
- [Share your Success](#) - Many schools have developed innovative and engaging materials. We'd love to see pictures and articles that highlight *your* promising practices, obstacles, and successes! E-mail your materials to ffvptoolkit@fns.usda.gov

www.fns.usda.gov/ffvp/ffvp-toolkit

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*Leading the way
to healthy eating...*

Creating Demand for Fruits and Veggies

At Produce for Better Health Foundation, our goal is to foster an environment where people can include fruits and vegetables at every eating occasion. Because it's all we do all the time, PBH serves as your "go-to" resource for **fruit and vegetable marketing and education**. Peruse the site and learn how PBH can enhance your fruit and vegetable promotion efforts.

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Partnerships are Important

- **State Fruit and Vegetable Coordinators**
- **Produce for Better Health Foundation**
- **Local grocers**
- **Local farmers**
- **Connecticut Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics**
- **UCONN and St. Joseph College**
- **Food distributors**

School Gardens

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- **Must follow USDA's guidance on school gardens (CSDE OM 15-09)**

www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/deps/nutrition/opmemos/09/om_15-09.pdf

CSDE Farm to School Web Page



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CONNECTICUT FARM-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM



The Farm-to-School Program involves a variety of school experiences and programs about gardening, educating children about nutrition and purchasing fresh, locally grown farm products. Farm-to-School connects schools (K-12) and local farms with the objectives of:

- serving healthy meals in school cafeterias;
- improving student nutrition;
- providing agriculture, health and nutrition education opportunities; and
- supporting local and regional farmers.



The Connecticut Department of Agriculture works with state agencies such as the Connecticut Department of Education to implement Connecticut's [Farm-to-School Program](#).

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Farm to School Resources (CSDE Web site)

- **Five Steps to Food Safe School Gardening**
- **Connecticut Ag in the Classroom**
- **Fresh from the Farm: The Massachusetts Farm to School Cookbook**
- **Features of the Month**
- **Gardening with Children**
- **Going Local: Paths to Success for Farm to School Programs**
- **Interesting Facts about Connecticut's Agriculture**
- **Marketing Michigan Products to Schools: A Step-By-Step Guide**
- **National Farm to School Program Information**
- **USDA Farm to School and School Gardens**

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Documentation



**We want to know all the
great things you are doing!
Remember to take pictures
of students**

Final Takeaways

- **Submit monthly reports on time**
- **Plan and monitor to spend **ALL** FFVP funds**
- **Increase vegetable servings**
- **Increase nutrition education component**

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