USDA Farm to School
Tactical Team

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Agency-wide effort to create new economic opportunities by connecting consumers with local producers

Initiative focuses on the importance of understanding where our food comes from and how it gets to our plate

“Farm to School Tactical Team” stemmed from this initiative
Farm To School Tactical Team

- Comprised of FNS & AMS employees
- Supports local and regional food systems via linkages between schools and local food producers
- Tasked with developing mechanisms to:
  - Assist schools in accessing local markets
  - Enable food producers to effectively service their local schools
  - Facilitate communication between interested stakeholders
F2S Tactical Team will:

- Visit 9 school districts of varied demographics and characteristics
- Analyze and assess variables that support or deter farm-to-school activities
- Identify trends and best practices
- Develop a Farm to School website
- Engage in webinars with interested parties to allow for information sharing of Farm to School obstacles and successes.
F2S Tactical Team
Long Term Goals:

- Provide access to resources and information on beginning and maintaining Farm to School activities for schools, farmers and local community members.
- Provide technical assistance to assist schools and farmers in the development, progression, and/or sustainability of a Farm to School activities.
- Identify obstacles faced by schools and farmers in implementing and/or sustaining Farm to School activities and provide suggested solutions.
Request for School Visit:


- School district submits contact information through website

- School district will be contacted (via email) to learn more about the school’s farm to school activities.
Focus of School Visits:

- Regional representation
- Rural, Urban, Suburban, Tribal Schools
- Large and Small School Districts
- Self–op, Vended and Management Company
- Various Distribution Models
- Different Stages of F2S Implementation
- New or Novel Ideas