



Local Foods Funding & Farm & Sea to School Programs

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OF EDUCATION **FARM & SEA
TO SCHOOL**



Agenda

- Local foods funding for SY 2024
 - Federal and state
- Harvest of the Month Program
- Fisherman Feeding Mainers Program
- Maine Harvest Lunch Week
- Culinary & farm videos
- USDA Farm to School Census



Federal Local Foods for Schools (LFS)



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- 100% reimbursement of local products
 - Spend \$500 local carrots= get \$500 back
- Allocation is based on district enrollment
 - Posted on LFS webpage
- All foods purchased must be grown and produced in Maine
- Focus on small and socially disadvantaged farmers



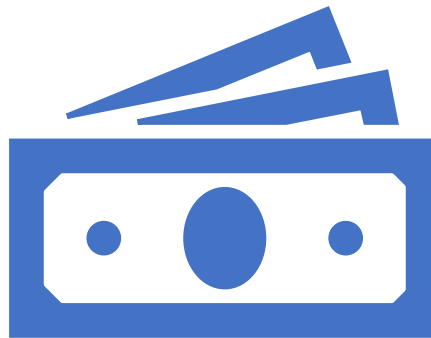
Federal Local Foods for Schools (LFS)

- Allowable purchases with fund:
 - Minimally processed local produce
 - Dairy and protein
 - No livestock; can purchase ground beef
 - Other minimally processed foods
 - Marinara sauce, salsa, etc.
- NSLP and SBP only
- Claims submitted in CNP web; stay tuned for when they can be filed!



LFS Claims in CNP web

- Must upload the summary page and receipts
- Help documents- instructions for filing an LFS claim
- Part of your reimbursement check under Local Produce



Dennis
FOOD SERVICE
100% EMPLOYEE OWNED

Customer Copy
DENNIS PAPER & FOOD SERVICE
 101 MECAW ROAD
 HAMPDEN, ME 04444
 (207) 947-0321

Invoice: H80534-00
 Page: 2 of 3
 Date: 09/27/21
 Route: 182-8
 Driver: JK--JOSE
 Acct Mgr: 220 CAPITAL GR
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Terms: Monthly Due on 15th
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#	Qty	UM	Brand	Description	Pack	Weight	Price	Sts	Amount	Cost
15	1	CS	Produ Rice	RICE WHITE LNG GRAIN PARBOILED	1/25LB		15.0100		15.01	L .0375
*** GROCERY DRY CATEGORY TOTAL: Pieces: 9 \$217.39 ***										
3	0	CS	SUPER BAKERY	BREAD BANANA CHEESE W/ IN		70/3.45oz	38.1800	Out	-.00	-.5454
Original Order of 3 CS for 21563 out 3 CS										
38	4	CS	J&J SNACKS	CHURROS RASP 51% WG 1.9 OZ	100/1.9 O		42.3400		169.36	B .4234
39	1	CS	Reddtn	POTATO FF SPICY 3/8 SC	6/5 LB		44.2900		44.29	L .0923
4	0	CS	Smuckera	SANDWICH UNCRUST PB/GRP WHOLE	72/2.6oz		36.4200	Out	-.00	-.6566
Original Order of 1 CS for 8874 out 1 CS										
3	1	CS	Smuckera	SANDWICH UNCRUST PB/STRAW WHOL	72/2.6oz		37.9800		37.98	A .4872
53	1	CS	NOI Discount	PEANUTS RAW SHELLIED		110700	2.90		2.90	
1	1	CS	Pillsbury	SCONE APPLE CINNAMON FTO	96/3.75OZ		73.7700		73.77	B .7684
18	1	CS	Pillsbury	SCONE RASPBERRY WHITE CHOC FTO	96/3.75OZ		4.0000		4.00	B .0000
19	1	CS	Pillsbury	SCONE ALLOWANCE #32398			73.7700		73.77	B .7684
19	9	CS	Ruiz	TORNADOS BACON PGG CHEESE	24/3 OZ		14.0900		126.81	B .5871
*** FROZEN CATEGORY TOTAL: Pieces: 15 \$515.08 ***										
7	1	CS	Fresh	CILANTRO 30 CT	1/30 ct		21.8800		21.88	L .3647
5	2	CS	Fresh	GRAPES RED SEEDLESS	10/1.6LB		34.0900		68.18	L .1332
2	1	CS	Fresh	LETTUCE ROMAINE 24 CT	4/6 CT		35.3000		35.30	A .0630
1	2	CS	Fresh	LETTUCE ROMAINE CHOPPED	6/2 LB		22.9600		45.92	L .1396
1	1	CS	Fresh	MELONS CANTALOUPE 15/18 CT	1/15 CT		22.9600		44.40	L .18500
1	1	CS	Fresh	TOFU HEIWA (A MAINE COMPANY)	12/1 LB		29.8800		29.88	L .1662
*** PRODUCE CATEGORY TOTAL: Pieces: 1 \$29.88 ***										

quantity	description	price	amount
1	1/2 Cars Corn	1	16 -
2	12 Pints Cherry Tomatoes	2.50	.30
3	20 Lg Tomatoes	1.5/16	.18
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			

64.00

Thank You!
 FAIRWINDS FARM
 332 Augusta Rd
 Topsham, ME 04086
 522-0246

Receipts must clearly show what item(s) you are seeking reimbursement for, and that it is from Maine.



LFS Webpage

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USDA Programs Monitored by Maine Department of Education

The Maine Department of Education oversees several USDA Food and Nutrition Services programs and initiatives that provide healthy food to children. Each of these programs helps fight hunger and obesity. Below are brief descriptions of the programs and initiatives.

If you have any questions regarding any of the Child Nutrition Programs, please contact a member of the [Child Nutrition Staff](#)



Afterschool Snack Service

Provide after school snacks to children participating in structured educational programs. Schools with more than 50% free and reduced students provide the snacks free to any participating student.



Breakfast Program

The School Breakfast Program helps to increase breakfast participation and acknowledge the importance of breakfast in improving learning.



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Culinary Classroom

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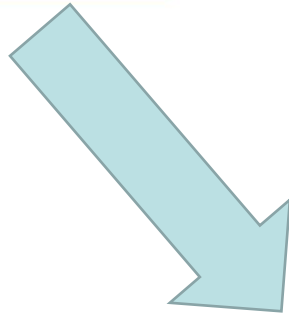
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Farm and Sea to School



~~State - Local Foods Fund~~
~~Federal - Local Foods for Schools~~
~~Farm to School Month~~
~~Maine Harvest Lunch Week~~



Federal Local Foods for Schools (LFS) Program

The USDA has recently established the Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program. The federal funds, known as the Local Foods for Schools (LFS) program, are granted to districts that have opted in. Through the LFS program, USDA is awarding up to \$200 million to states for purchases of domestic local foods for distribution to schools. This program aims to strengthen the local food system by promoting local foods in schools. The program also emphasizes purchasing from historically underserved producers and processors. Funds are issued to districts based on enrollment.

[State and Federal Funding Chart](#) - FY 2024

[Estimated LFS grant award by District](#)

[Local foods for schools \(LFS\) fact sheet](#)

Filing Your Local Foods for Schools (LFS) claim in CNP web:

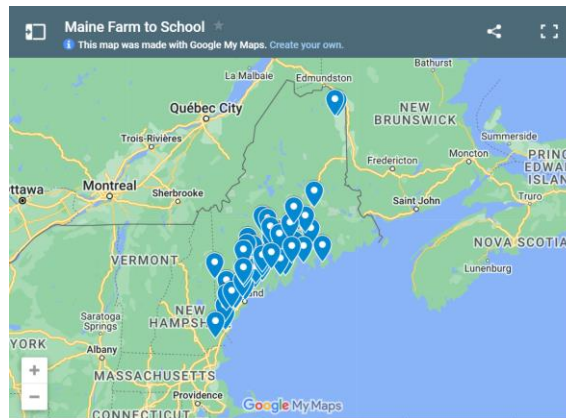
[Local Foods for Schools Procedure-CNP web](#)

[LFS Summary Page](#) (link)

*The LFS summary page and accompanying receipts must be submitted monthly in CNP web as part of the regular monthly claim process.

Connecting with Farmers

- Farm/Producer List on LFS webpage
 - Farms/distributors purchased from last year
 - Not an exhaustive list
- DOE Farm to School Map
- Socially disadvantaged farms by county





State Local Foods Fund (LFF)



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- Reimburses \$1 for every \$3 spent
 - Spend \$300 local carrots= get \$100 back
- \$5,000 per school district each school year
 - Additional \$500 if attend DOE local foods training
- All foods purchased must be grown or produced in Maine

State Local Foods Fund (LFF)

- Allowable purchases with fund:
 - Local produce
 - Value- added dairy only
 - No fluid milk; cheese and yogurt allowed
 - Protein items
 - Livestock is allowed (whole animals)

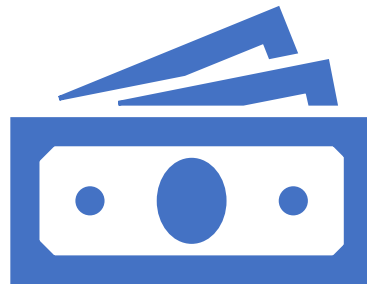


- NSLP, SBP and SFSP
- Claims submitted outside of CNP web



State local foods claims

- NOT in CNP web this year
 - Completed outside of the system
- Procedure is on our website- email summary page and receipts to jodi.truman@maine.gov.
- Separate check is sent to district



State Local Foods Webpage

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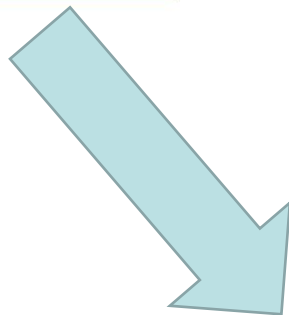


State - Local Foods Fund

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Local Foods Fund

When funds are available payments, will be made as first received, first paid. **E-mail Stephanie Stambach at stephanie.stambach@maine.gov for information on receiving ADDITIONAL REIMBURSEMENT through a Child Nutrition Local Foods Training.**

To file your Local Foods Claim, email the completed Summary Claim Form, signed by the Legal Agent to jodi.truman@maine.gov

[Summary Claim Form](#)

Program Year 2024

Directions and description of the State of Maine Local Foods Reimbursement. Submission for reimbursement must meet the Maine Legislation **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6602, sub-§12. Listed below.**

20-A §6602. SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE PROGRAMS

12. **Local Foods Fund.** The Local Foods Fund is established within the department. The fund is authorized to receive revenue from public and private sources. The fund must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year must be carried forward to the next fiscal year. The fund must be used to match \$1 for every \$3 a school administrative unit pays for produce, value-added dairy, protein or minimally processed foods purchased directly from a farmer, farmers' cooperative, local food hub, local food processor or food service distributor in the State, to a maximum state contribution of \$5,000 per school administrative unit in fiscal year 2021-22 and subsequent years or \$5,500 per

State Legislation- LD 921

- “An Act to Allow the Local Foods Fund for Public Schools to Be Used for Processed and Value-added Maine Food Products”
- Expands definition of allowable processed and value-added products
 - Fund is underutilized
- Takes affect October 25, 2023





LFF Allowable Processed and Value-Added Items

- Designates DOE to create standards for allowable processed items (LD 921)
- Allowable processed and value-added products:
 - 51% or more agricultural raw materials grown, harvested, or produced in Maine by weight or volume
 - Documentation to support this (product formulation statement)
- Maine producers/processors submits documentation for Maine DOE approval



Example LFF- Bread

Product Name: Vesper Bread Sourdough Loaf

Ingredients listed in weights:

- Whole wheat flour: 16 oz (Maine Grains)
- Water: 4 oz
- Sea salt: 0.5 oz

*Product meets 51% Maine ingredients definition

Where can schools buy local?

- Farmer
- Cooperative
- Food hub
- Local food processor
- Food distributor



Federal Local Foods for Schools (LFS)

Grown and produced in Maine.

- Fruits and vegetables (whole, cut, pureed)
- 100% juice*
- Apple cider*
- Fresh or frozen fish
- Beef and pork (ground, patties, steaks)
- Poultry (boneless or bone-in)
- Beans/legumes
- Tofu, tempeh
- Grains (rice, pasta, pizza dough)
- Dairy (fluid milk, cheese, yogurt)
- Marinara sauce
- Honey, maple syrup
- Minimally processed foods (fresh, frozen, canned, dried)



State Local Foods Fund (LFF)

Grown or produced in Maine.

- Fruits and vegetables (whole, cut, pureed)
- 100% juice*
- Apple cider*
- Fresh or frozen fish
- *Livestock (whole animals for slaughter) ***
- Beef and pork (ground, patties, steaks)
- Poultry (boneless or bone-in)
- Beans/legumes
- Tofu, tempeh
- Grains (rice, pasta, pizza dough)
- *Value-added dairy only (cheese, yogurt)*
- Honey, maple syrup
- *Allowable processed and valued-added foods approved by Maine DOE*



Supply Chain Assistance (SCA)

Domestically grown in the U.S.

- Fruits and vegetables (whole, cut, pureed)
- 100% juice*
- Apple cider*
- Fresh or frozen fish
- Beef and pork (ground, patties, steaks)
- Poultry (boneless or bone-in)
- Beans/legumes
- Tofu, tempeh
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This is not an exhaustive list and should be used as a guide when purchasing.

*All 100% juice and cider must be pasteurized.

**All meat and poultry must be slaughtered in a USDA or State inspected slaughterhouse.

Tips to Use Funds

- Use federal funds first, then state funds
 - Federal goes away December 2024
 - Avoids double dipping
- Use state fund for items not covered by LFS
 - Processed foods, livestock
- Hold special events/theme days such as Farm to School Month in October
- Pledge for Harvest of the Month (HOM)
 - New to Farm to School



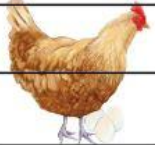

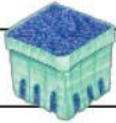









Harvest of the Month



The Maine Harvest of the Month (HOM) is a campaign that helps to promote the use of seasonally available, local products in schools, institutions, and communities. The program, which highlights a different Maine product each month, aims to provide students with local and healthy produce, while supporting Maine's farmers and producers.

- ▶ Great intro program to Farm to School!
- ▶ Commit to serving the HOM ingredient just twice a month.

MONTH	MAINE INGREDIENT
January	Potatoes 
February 	Root Vegetables
March	Protein 
April	Dairy 
May 	Wild Blueberries
June	Leafy Greens 
July 	Summer Squash
August	Cucumbers 
September	Tomatoes 
October	Apples 
November	Brassicas 
December 	Winter Squash

Harvest of the Month
POTATOES

MAINE
Potatoes
Harvest of the Month

Harvest of the Month
POTATOES

FUN FACTS
The potato is the second most consumed food product in the United States, with the average American consuming 133 pounds of potatoes per year! Northeast Maine is widely known for its potato production, but what most do not know is just how sustainable potato production in Maine is. With a growing season that has the right combination of sun and rain, Maine potato farmers use less irrigation than the national average. In addition, the long and cold winters in Maine guarantee a resulting decrease in pesticide use.

While they are best known for their carbohydrate content, potatoes are also packed with several other essential nutrients! Potatoes have more potassium than a banana, and are a great source of vitamin C, vitamin B6, and fiber. Potatoes are also rich in antioxidants, which have been linked to a decrease in cancer risk.

NUTRITION
YIELD: 50 - 100 SERVINGS

MEAL PATTERN CONTRIBUTION
1/2 cup starch vegetable
1/2 cup starch vegetable
1/2 cup starch vegetable

RECIPE: POTATO SALAD
YIELD: 50 - 100 SERVINGS

MEAL PATTERN CONTRIBUTION
1/2 cup starch vegetable
1/2 cup starch vegetable
1/2 cup starch vegetable

RECIPE: "POP'S" ROASTED POTATOES
YIELD: 48 - 100 SERVINGS

MEAL PATTERN CONTRIBUTION
1/2 cup starch vegetable
1/2 cup starch vegetable
1/2 cup starch vegetable

Harvest of the Month
POTATOES

RECIPE: APPLE PIE POTATOES
YIELD: 4 - 100 SERVINGS

MEAL PATTERN CONTRIBUTION
1/2 cup starch vegetable
1/2 cup starch vegetable
1/2 cup starch vegetable

RECIPE: CHEESY POTATO HAM SOUP
YIELD: 50 - 100 SERVINGS

MEAL PATTERN CONTRIBUTION
1/2 cup starch vegetable
1/2 cup starch vegetable
1/2 cup starch vegetable

RECIPE: CHEDDAR CHEESE POTATO BREAKFAST
YIELD: 5 - 100 SERVINGS

MEAL PATTERN CONTRIBUTION
1/2 cup starch vegetable
1/2 cup starch vegetable
1/2 cup starch vegetable

HARVEST OF THE MONTH JANUARY POTATOES

MAINE POTATO PRODUCTION IS ESPECIALLY SUSTAINABLE. FARMERS CAN USE LESS IRRIGATION THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. LONG, COLD WINTERS PREVENT PESTS, LEADING TO LESS PESTICIDE USE.

Harvest of the Month
POTATOES

THIS HARVEST OF THE MONTH ingredient is _____ sourced from _____ in _____, Maine.

I tried it!
POTATOES
Maine Harvest of the Month

HOM Potato Collateral

How to use the Source Card



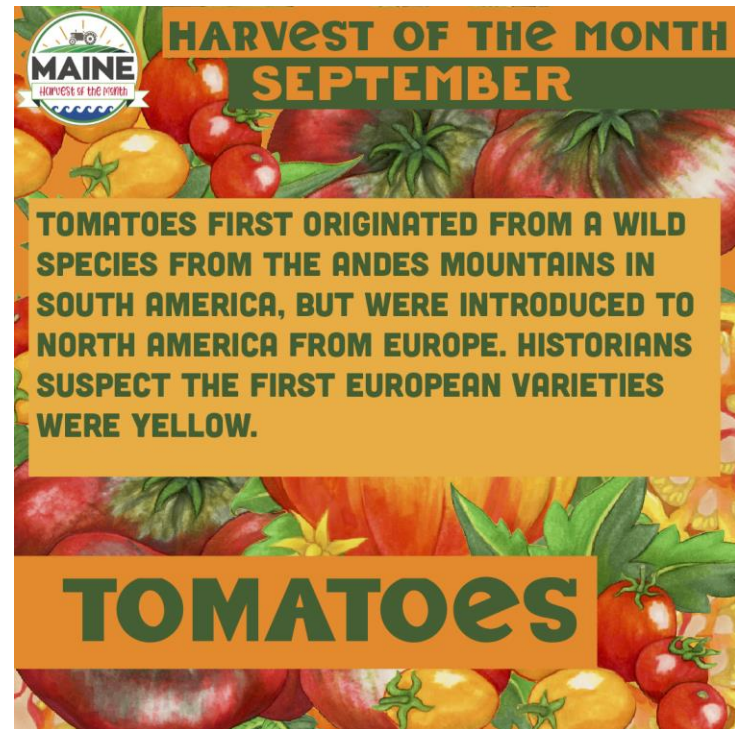
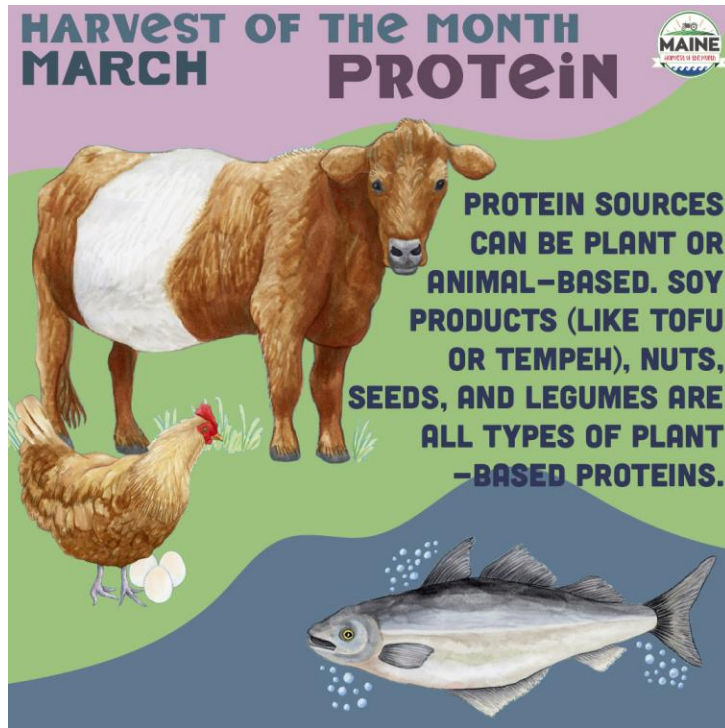
Laminate the cards or make photocopies on cardstock paper! Highlight your local farmer!

How to use the Meal Tray Poster



Use as reimbursable meal signage! What meal component features local potatoes? Let the students know!

Social Media Graphics



HOM pledge!

<https://www.maine.gov/doe/harvestofthemonth/schools>

Maine Harvest of the Month Pledge- SY 2024

Join the Maine Harvest of the Month (HOM) Program! Take the pledge and join dozens of school districts in bringing more healthy, local food to Maine students while supporting Maine farmers and producers!

Hi, Stephanie. When you submit this form, the owner will see your name and email address.

* Required

1. Email Address *

2. First Name *

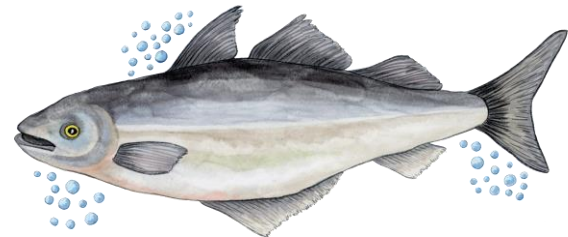


Fishermen Feeding Mainers Program provides direct financial relief to fishermen by helping them supply food banks, schools, and families in need with healthy Maine seafood meals.

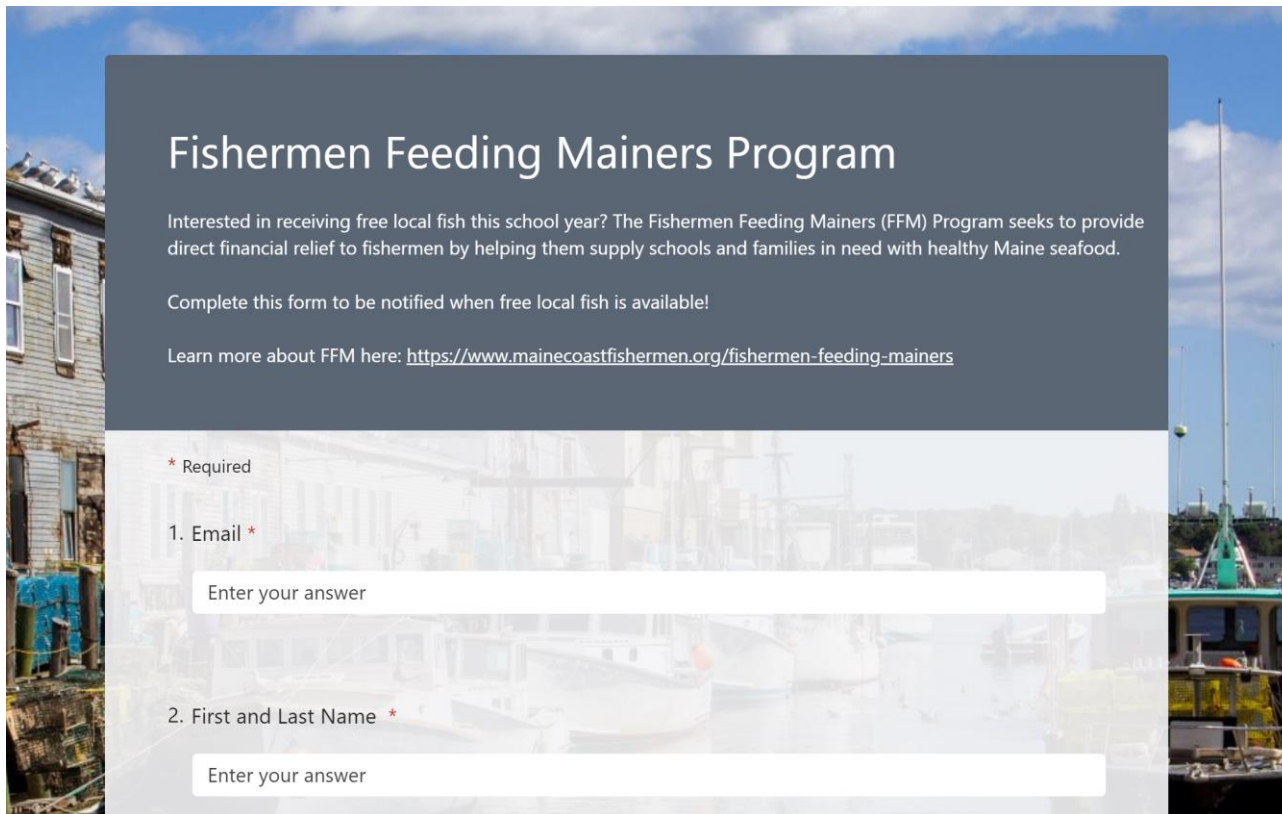


How it works!

- Provides no cost, local fish to participating schools and CACFP sites
 - White, flaky fish: hake, pollock, monkfish, cod
 - Fish is frozen
- Complete an interest form
- Maine Coast Fishermen's Association will email when fish is available
- Pick up fish in Portland on specific dates/times



Complete interest form for FFM- to be notified when fish is available! <https://www.maine.gov/doe/farmentoschool>



Fishermen Feeding Mainers Program

Interested in receiving free local fish this school year? The Fishermen Feeding Mainers (FFM) Program seeks to provide direct financial relief to fishermen by helping them supply schools and families in need with healthy Maine seafood.

Complete this form to be notified when free local fish is available!

Learn more about FFM here: <https://www.maine.coastfishermen.org/fishermen-feeding-mainers>

* Required

1. Email *

2. First and Last Name *



Tips for FFM

- Fish is pending availability and the fishing season
 - August- Jan/Feb are higher volume
- Recommend getting extra and freezing it
- Expect short notice and be flexible!
- Work with another school district for pick up if needed

Who does FFM support?



Fishermen: participating fishermen have fish purchased directly from them



Processors: fish cutters in Portland cut, package, and freeze the fish



Community: schools, food pantries, and other nutrition insecure Mainers receive free fish!



DOE: we support schools by offering trainings and support in proper handling of local fish

Maine's annual harvest lunch week promotes fresh, local food in school cafeterias and teaches our children and youth where food comes from – including local farms, gardens and greenhouses. Maine schools have found creative ways to celebrate in the past, including decorating lunchrooms to showcase local food and inviting area farmers into the classroom to speak with students.

Maine Harvest Lunch Week

September 18-22, 2023



MHLW 2023!



From Fort Kent to York!





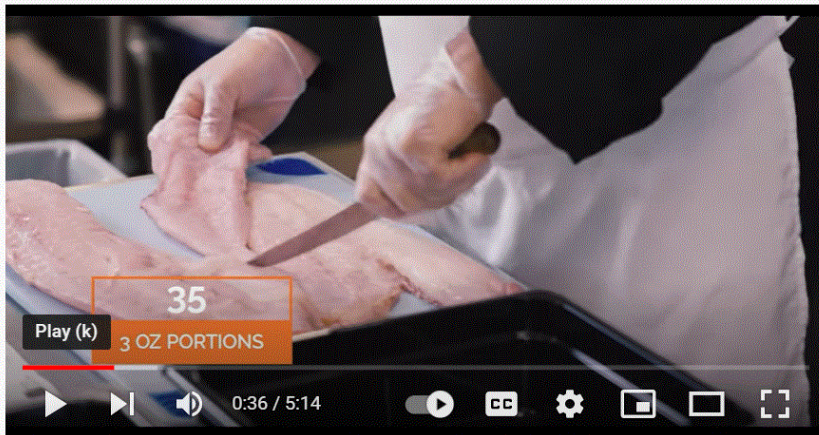
Find culinary tips and recipes, farm and sea to school promotions, and more!

Culinary and Farm Videos



Connecting farmers, producers, and fishermen to your school classrooms and cafeterias

Mike Flynn- RSU 12 Nutrition Director
Fish recipes and safety



Crunchy Baked Fish



TheMilkHouse

144 views • Oct 5, 2021

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Cait Frame- Milkhouse Dairy and Creamery
Tour of the farm and milkhouse

Recipes and Video Instruction

Culinary Videos

Want to learn more culinary skills in the kitchen? Visit our [Culinary Classroom webpage](#) to view the schedule of in person culinary trainings held by the Child Nutrition office.

These local foods culinary videos feature Heather Kerner, owner of The Good Crust a local company specializing in "handmade frozen dough from 100% fresh stone-milled Maine grains".



Pazzo Garlic Bread

[Pazzo Garlic Bread](#) (8:00)

[Recipe](#)



Stromboli

[Stromboli](#) (17:00)

[Recipe](#)



Blueberry Breakfast Bialy

[Blueberry Breakfast Bialy](#) (9:00)



Yogurt Parfait with Butternut
Squash, Cranberries & Granola
[Video](#)
[Recipe](#)



Quinoa Black Bean Veggie Burgers
[Video](#)
[Recipe](#)



Spaghetti Squash Bake
[Video](#)
[Recipe](#)



USDA Farm to School Census





What is the census?

- Snapshot of farm to school activities in the country and individual states
- Tool for growth and expansion of farm to school in the country

Who should complete?

- Emailed to Food Service Director
- Input from other school staff (teachers, garden coordinators, etc.)



F2S Census Details

- Decision Information Resources (DIR) and Mathematica will conduct census with all public, charter and private SFA's that participate in the NSLP
- October 2nd- DIR will email link to census
 - Farm2SchoolCensus@dir-online.com
- Information collected from SY 2022-2023
 - About 30 minutes to complete
- Complete by December 2023



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Questions?

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