



Maine Farm to School Network

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The Maine Farm to School Network (MF2SN) launched in 2011 by the Maine Farm to School Work Group and has enjoyed a number of supporters over the years from foundations to state agencies to non-profit organizations.



MF2SN aims to build a communication and coordination structure closer to the schools and communities that are the foundation of this very special local foods movement.

The current structure of the MF2SN is a state coordinator supported by representatives in each of Maine's 8 public health districts. MF2SN also receives technical assistance and support from the National Farm to School Network (NFSN).

MF2SN convenes an annual conference bringing together farm to school practitioners and advocates from across the state. Each year the conference moves to a different geographic location in Maine to reach more people.

Current MF2SN initiatives include:

- Launch of Maine Farm to Institution
- Annual Conference Organizing
- Advocacy

Reach out to the District Representative in your area to become more involved with the MFSN.



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Developing Maine's Farm to Institution Movement

For nearly 10 years the Maine Farm to School movement has worked to increase the amount of locally sourced Maine food in school meals and develop hands-on agricultural-based experiential nutrition education through school gardens and greenhouses and curriculum integration in an effort to support Maine's economy, improve health, and develop understanding of food origins. This is done through a network dedicated to **developing procurement strategies, policy initiatives, and networking opportunities**. More recently, other institutional settings such as hospitals and colleges have begun developing systems for local food purchasing. The Maine Farm to School Network, with support from the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation, is embarking upon a 3-year-long process to knit together these Farm to Institution efforts by **creating a learning and sharing community** that will, over time, increase the amount of Maine harvested foods served in institutional settings across the state.

Maine Farm to Institution (MEFTI) is a multi-sector network working to increase institutional procurement of Maine grown foods. A 7-member leadership team, representing K-12 schools, colleges, and hospitals, is identifying opportunities to leverage the collective buying power of institutions in Maine for Maine-grown food. MEFTI is bringing together the sectors to share best practices and resources through information sharing, networking and training opportunities, and promotional activities.

With an emphasis on peer-to-peer sharing to facilitate replication of good ideas and practices and a goal of increasing the purchase of Maine-grown foods by colleges, hospitals, schools, and other institutions, MEFTI is seeking ideas and input from other farm to institution stakeholders to create a sharing network to accelerate institutional purchases of Maine food. The process honors historic missions and relations developed by the individual sector groups while drawing from their expertise and lessons learned to create a network to further develop Maine's food economy.

MEFTI supports developing the supply and increasing the consumption of Maine-grown food in Maine institutions to create more access to healthy foods for more people while strengthening the local economy. MEFTI values sustainable agriculture practices and fair jobs in the food system as a foundation for this work.

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