

# Beyond Farm to School:

New Models, New Partners, New  
Strategies and Recommendations

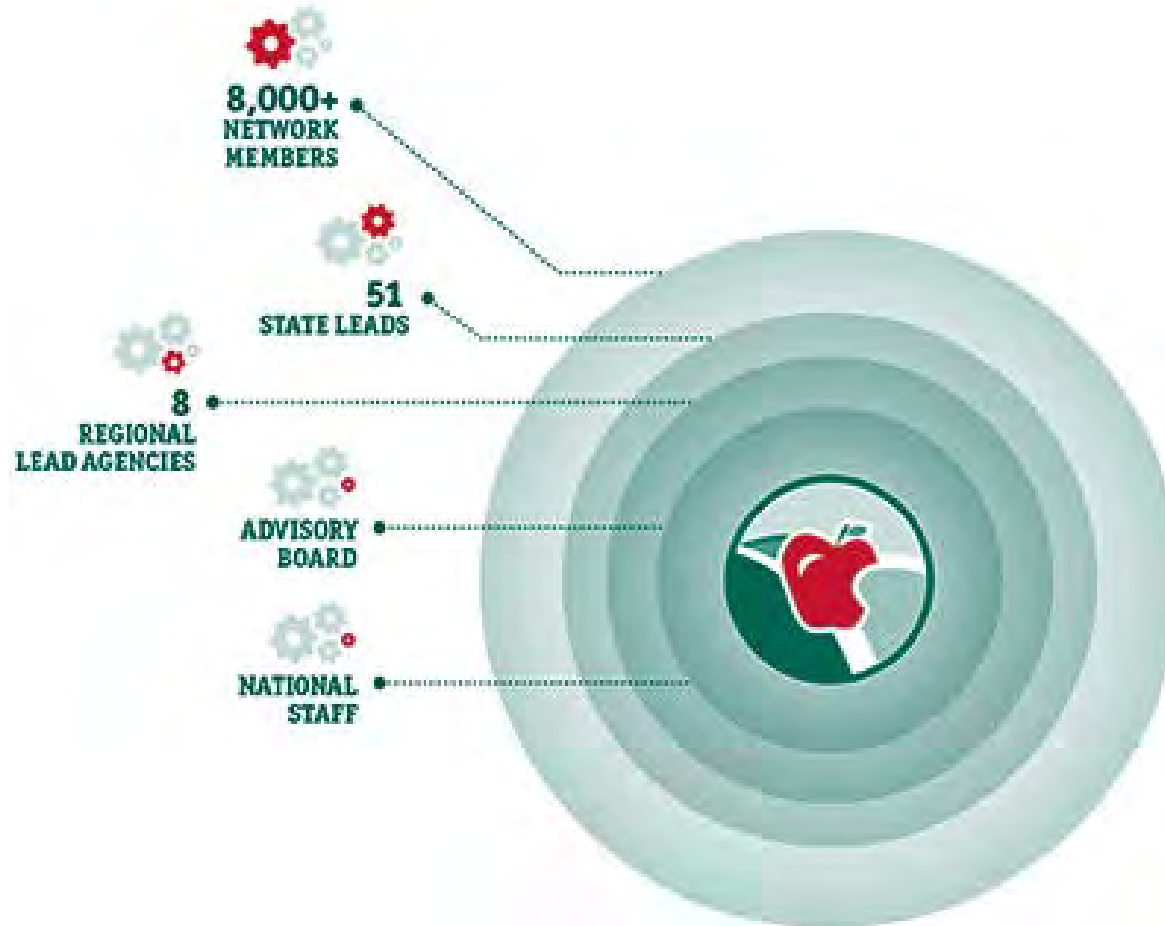


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# About The Food Trust

***“Ensuring everyone has access to affordable, nutritious food and information to make healthy decisions.”***

# The National Farm to School Network



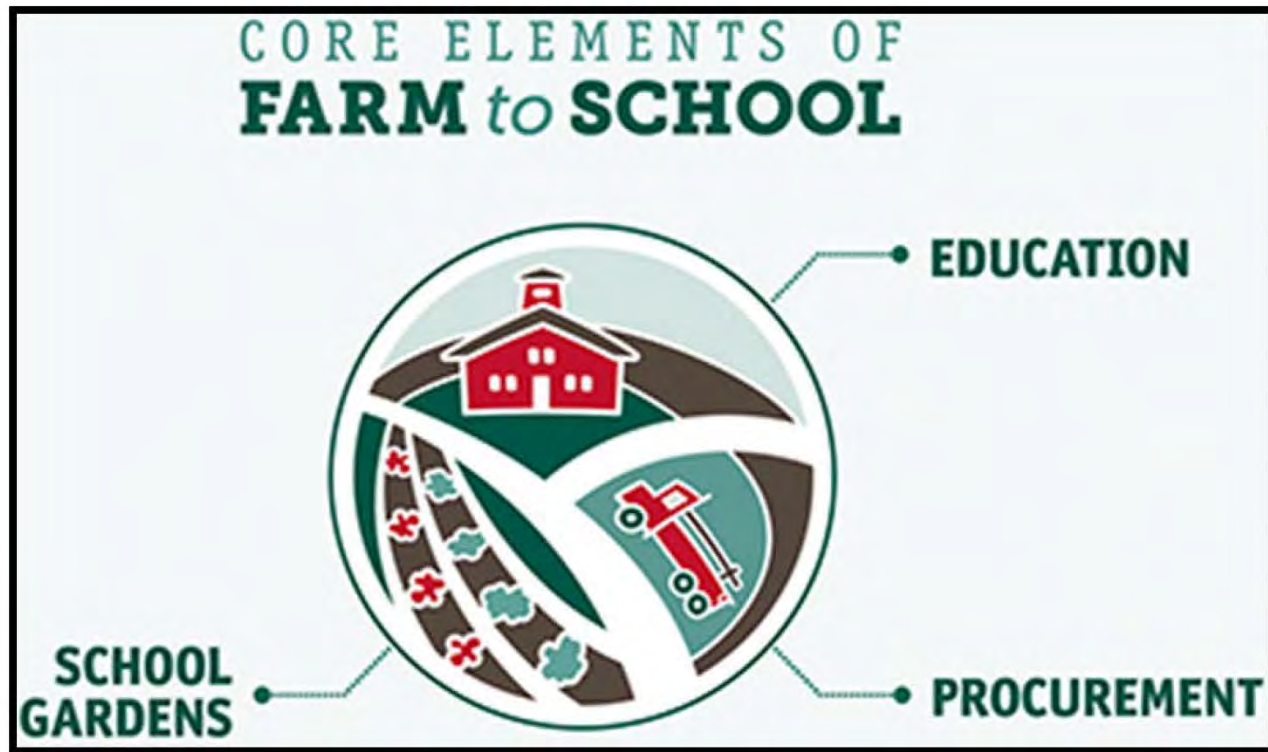
# Farm to School at USDA

- Technical Assistance
- Training
- Grant Program
- Research & Resources

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# What is Farm to School?



# National Overview



## The Numbers:

44% districts of K-12 public schools in US buying local.

Of these these schools:

- 78% of schools reported buying local fruit
- 75% of schools reported buying local vegetables

**In 2011-2012 school year: \$385M spent on locally grown foods!**

Data and image courtesy: [www.fns.usda.gov](http://www.fns.usda.gov)

# New Models with New Partners

Cosmetically Imperfect Produce  
Farm to Shelter  
Farm to Preschool



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# New Strategies- Recommendation

## Policy and Capacity Building

Training  
Support  
Incentives





# Thank you.

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