Beyond Farm to School:

New Models, New Partners, New Strategies and Recommendations
About The Food Trust

“Ensuring everyone has access to affordable, nutritious food and information to make healthy decisions.”
The National Farm to School Network

- 8,000+ Network Members
- 51 State Leads
- 8 Regional Lead Agencies
- Advisory Board
- National Staff
Farm to School at USDA

• Technical Assistance
• Training
• Grant Program
• Research & Resources
What is Farm to School?

Core Elements of Farm to School:
- Education
- School Gardens
- Procurement
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!

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New Models with New Partners

Cosmetically Imperfect Produce
Farm to Shelter
Farm to Preschool
New Strategies- Recommendation

Policy and Capacity Building

Training
Support
Incentives
Thank you.

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