What is Farm to School?

The **National Farm to School Network** broadly defines farm to school as "programs that connect schools (PreK-12) and local farms with the objectives of serving healthy meals in school cafeterias, improving student nutrition, providing agriculture, health and nutrition education opportunities, and supporting local and regional farmers." The **National Farm to School Network** includes national staff, eight regional lead agencies, and leads in all 50 states.

In Hawai'i, Farm to School Programs:

- · Link fresh locally grown food with school meal and snack programs;
- Reconnect students with the 'āina through school gardens, agriculture programs, and farm field trips;
- Increase consumption of locally produced foods by increasing awareness, access, and availability; and
- · Grow future farmers.

Expanding the consumption of locally grown, caught, and produced foods helps to grow a more vibrant agricultural economy while improving student health, academic achievement and interest in learning, and connection of our children and youth to the 'āina, that which feeds and nourishes us all.

Hawai'i Farm to School & School Garden Hui

The **Hawai'i Farm to School and School Garden Hui (HFSSGH)** was formed in 2010 and includes Farm to School and School Garden Network leaders from six islands and representatives from the Hawai'i Departments of Education and Health.

Mission: To strengthen Hawai'i's statewide Farm to School and School Garden movement by supporting the island networks in the areas of capacity building, resource development and sharing, professional development, policy development and advocacy.

Vision: We envision a holistic education system that renews our relationship to food, farming, and the environment, improves health, and raises academic achievement. We envision Hawai'i as a center for agro-ecological education and food production and as a model of regenerative community food systems for the Pacific and the world.

Goals:

- 1. Support the reestablishment of agricultural education pathways, P-20 (preschool through post secondary education);
- Increase the procurement of locally grown and produced foods by Hawai'i schools;
- 3. Strengthen the statewide farm to school and school garden movement through the sustained organization and efforts of the island networks and the HFSSGH.

Learn more at **www.hawaiischoolgardenhui.org.** Email: **schoolgardenhui@kohalacenter.org**











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