

Producer Worksheet 1A: Getting to Know Your Local School Market

Worksheet Objective: Use the USDA Farm to School Census data to identify current local-food-purchasing practices in schools and districts in your region and state.

Resources: <https://farmtoschoolcensus.fns.usda.gov>

Directions:

- Use your phone or mobile device to access the USDA Farm to School Census Website (<https://farmtoschoolcensus.fns.usda.gov>).
- Navigate to “Find Your School District” and select your state or local school district.
- Use the information to answer the following questions:

State: _____

How much money is spent on local foods in your state?	
What percent of its budget is the average district spending on local?	
What are the most frequently purchased types of foods?	

School District Name: _____

What are the top five products that schools in your local district are purchasing locally?	
Do you produce any of these products? Which ones?	
Where are they getting these products?	

Supplemental questions to explore for your district:

Are there any schools with salad bars or “à la carte” and flexible meal purchases?	
What percent of food is from scratch?	
Does the district expect its local purchases to increase, decrease, or remain the same?	



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