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Harvest of the Month and Local Food Fund

Local Foods Fund

An Act To Encourage the Purchase of Local Foods for Public Schools

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Local Foods Fund- what you need to know!

- Every school district has access to this fund!
- Reimbursement program
  - For every $3.00 spent on local products, you get $1.00 back
- Maximum of $5,000 in reimbursement per district
  - Increases to $5,500 if participate in local foods training
- How do I get reimbursed?
  - Submitted as part of Sponsor Claim- CNP web
  - Each month, upload receipts and summary page, showing local products purchased

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21. I hereby submit receipts for produce, value-added dairy, protein or minimally processed foods purchased directly from a farmer or farmers' cooperative, local food hub, local food processor or food service distributor in the State of Maine and used in the School Food Service Program. The produce was not offered in the Federal Fresh Fruit Vegetable Program.

Enter 1/3 of Receipt total (pre-tax): $ 830.83

Item	Receipt File Name	Date Uploaded	Uploaded By	Action
1	Local Foods Summary _ June.xlsx	6/21/2022	[redacted]	
2	June Local Foods Receipts.pdf	6/21/2022	[redacted]	

$3 spent = $1 back!

	Local Produce Fund	Local Foods Fund
Maximum reimbursed per district per SY	$1,000 or $1,500* *with local foods training	$5,000 or $5,500* *with local foods training
Local ingredients that qualify	Produce, minimally processed produce	Produce, value-added dairy, protein or minimally processed foods
Where schools can purchase local ingredients	Directly from farmer, farmers' cooperative, or local food hub	Directly from a farmer, farmers' cooperative, local food hub, local food processor or food service distributor in the State
Definition of "minimally processed"	"Minimally processed" means only the washing, cleaning, trimming, drying, sorting, and packaging of food items or a combination of those activities	"Minimally processed" means only the washing, cleaning, trimming, peeling, slicing, drying, sorting, refrigerating, freezing and packaging of food items or a combination of those activities

Where can schools buy local ingredients?

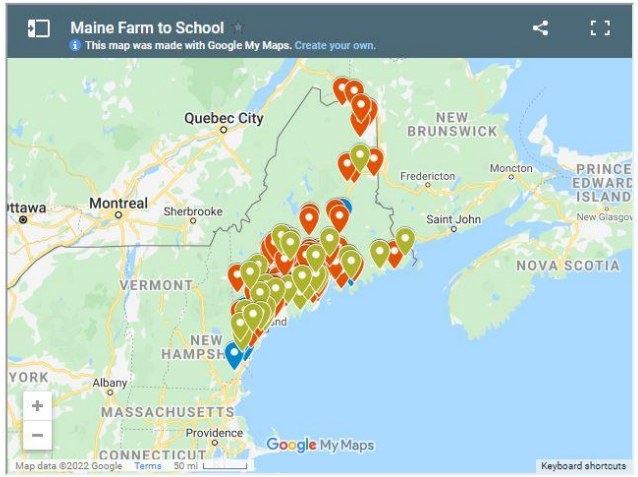
- Farmer
- Cooperative
- Food hub
- Local food processor
- Food distributor
- Grocery store? NO!

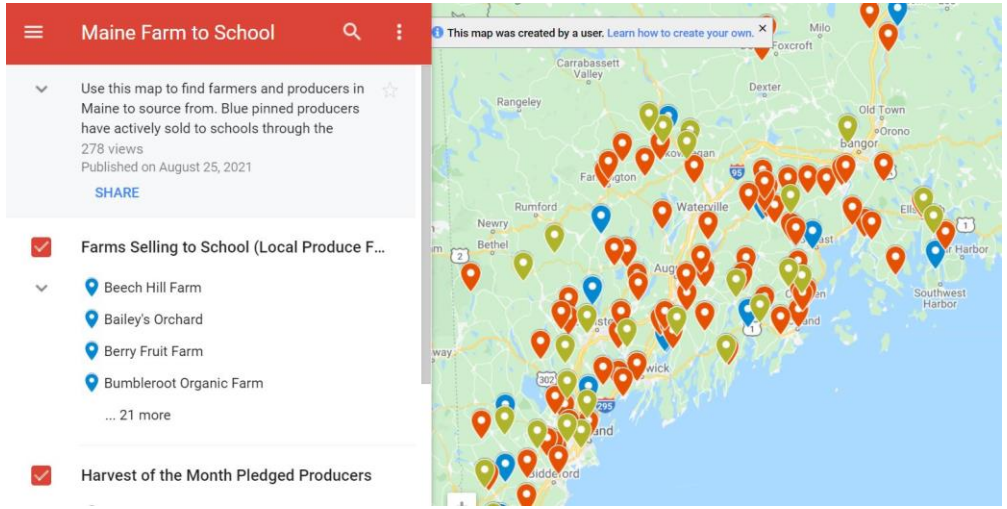
DOE Farm to School Map: How to use it!

Farm to School Map

Use this map to locate farms in your school's area!

Blue pinned producers have actively sold to schools through the Local Foods Fund. Orange pinned producers have pledged to sell to schools through the Harvest of the Month program. And green pinned producers have indicated an ability to sell to schools on the Dept. of Agriculture Real Maine website, https://www.realmaine.com/





Tip: a great way to find your local farmer is to visit a nearby farmers market

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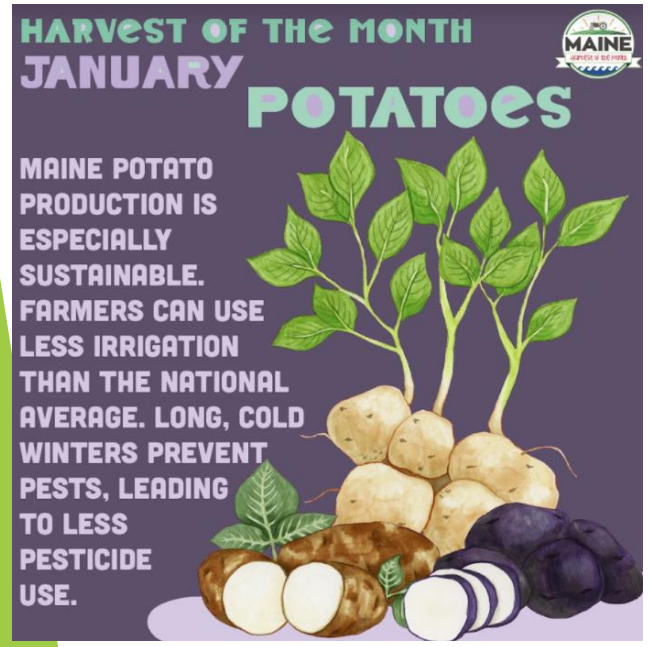
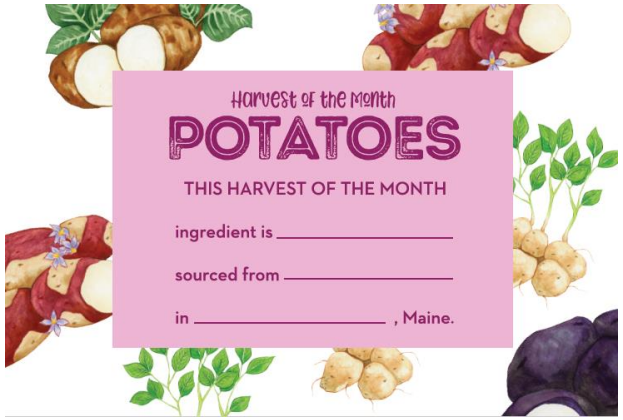
- Local food all year long with Harvest of the Month!

- Commit to serving one local ingredient just twice a month.

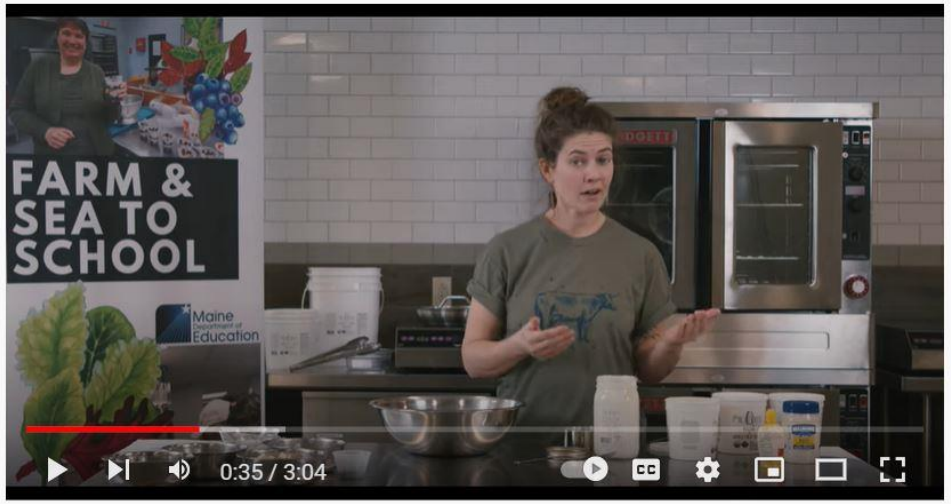
MONTH	MAINE INGREDIENT
January	Potatoes
February	Root Vegetables
March	Protein
April	Dairy
May	Wild Blueberries
June	Leafy Greens
July	Summer Squash
August	Cucumbers
September	Tomatoes
October	Apples
November	Brassicas
December	Winter Squash





HOM Potato Collateral

Recipe instruction videos with Cait Frame of the Milkhouse Dairy and Creamery



Waldorf Chicken Salad

16 views... LIKE DISLIKE SHARE SAVE ...

TheMilkHouse

144 views • Oct 5, 2021 LIKE DISLIKE SHARE SAVE ...

An educational tour of the Milkhouse!

Available Daily:
-Yogurt & Cheese Stick with Homemade Granola
-Chicken Patty
-Baby Carrots
- Fresh Apples
-Applesauce
- Salad Bar

Old Orchard Beach High School

April Lunch Menu

Milks Choices:
1% Milk
Skim Milk
Chocolate Milk
(selections may vary

1 Tangerine Chicken w/ Brown Rice Cheese Pizza Steamed Carrots Diced Pears	2 Brunch for Lunch! French Toast Sticks with Cheese Omelet or Sausage Chicken Strip Basket Hash Brown Rounds Celery Mixed Fruit	3 Early Release Day Bosco Sticks Chicken Strips & Fries Carrots Fresh Apples	4 Cheesy Spaghetti Bake with Dinner Roll Pepperoni Pizza Steamed Broccoli Strawberries	5 Chicken Tenders with Biscuit Bosco Sticks with Marinara Baked Beans Oranges
8 Cheeseburger or Hamburger Cheese Pizza Potato Smiles Diced Pears	9 Cheesy Pazzo Bread with Marinara Chicken Strip Basket Green Beans Mixed Fruit	10 Hot Dogs Chicken Parmesan Sandwich Sweet Potato Crinkle Fries Fresh Broccoli Craisins	11 Ground Beef Tacos with Brown Rice Pepperoni Pizza Refried Beans Diced Peaches	12 No School!
15	16 **School Vacation Week!**	17	18	19
22 Popcorn Chicken with Dinner Roll Cheese Pizza Cinnamon Roasted Chick Peas Diced Pears	23 Nacho Day! Nachos with Homemade Chili and Cheese Sauce Chicken Strip Basket Steamed Broccoli Mixed Fruit Cheese sauce made with Oakhurst Milk!	24 BBQ Chicken with Dinner Roll Chicken Parmesan Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Corn on the Cob Diced Peaches	25 Shepherd's Pie with Dinner Roll Pepperoni Pizza Steamed Carrots Oranges	26 Big Daddy's Pizza Bosco Sticks with Marinara Green Beans Bananas
29 Grilled Cheese Cheese Pizza Tomato Soup Diced Pears	30 Homemade Macaroni and Cheese with Dinner Roll Chicken Strip Basket Santa Fe Black Beans Mixed Fruit Cheese sauce made with Oakhurst Milk!	MAINE Harvest of the Month	We have partnered with Maine's Harvest of the Month! This month's feature is **Maine Dairy Products**! Check for a milk icon to see what's made with Maine dairy– from **Oakhurst**!	

Entree Salad of the Day,

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Caesar	Ranch Chicken BLT Salad	Cobb Salad	Greek Salad	Spring Salad

This institution is an equal opportunity employ

Menu is subject to change.

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Maine Potatoes

Caribou Russet

Huckleberry Blue

Kennebec

Maine Farm and Sea to School support, resources, and technical assistance with the Maine Farm to School Network

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Maine farms love supporting Maine schools!

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