MASSACHUSETTS FARM TO SCHOOL
2020-2021

MISSION: Mass. Farm to School strengthens local farms and fisheries and promotes healthy communities by increasing local food purchasing and education at schools.

COVID RESPONSE

Collected and circulated timely COVID-relief resources to help schools and communities continue to serve students throughout school closures including guidance, funding opportunities, and peer learning related to remote meal distribution, virtual learning, and adjusting farm operations.

HARVEST OF THE MONTH
Adapted for Remote Schooling

- Shared school food service recipes for remote meal distribution (Grab & Go), featuring monthly crop
- Provided home-scaled recipes
- Provided suitable at-home activities for remote students
- Lessons adapted for virtual learning for educators

POLICY

Provided research & outreach to support the creation of a MA Farm to School Grant program (S.349)

Held a series of three tours for state legislators to highlight farm to school resilience and innovation. Tours included:
- a local farm and food hub
- an urban school garden site
- an agricultural high school

INSTITUTE ALUMNI
Created alumni group to connect during COVID

115 Institute alumni from

24 districts serving

95,000 students.

"It feels amazing to be a part of something bigger than the school nutrition department. I think the relationships that have been built were exactly what our district needed to fully execute our Farm to School plans. I am very grateful for the connections I now have in our district!"
— B., Watertown Public Schools

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

27 virtual events

850 attendees

Food Service Professionals, Farmers & Producers, Educators, Policymakers, and Advocates

- Peer to Peer Networking Sessions
- Gchool Garden 101 Workshop Series
- Farmer & Producer Workshops
- Educator Workshop: Outdoor Classrooms
- Advocate Trainings
- Educator Workshop: Connecting with Community Farms
- Summer Food Service Workshop

ECONOMIC IMPACT
$10.1 MILLION
spent annually by schools on local food.*

2015 USDA Farm to School Census

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