



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HIGHLIGHTS FARMERS PARTICIPATING IN FARM TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Six Farms Highlighted in Jersey Fresh Farm to School Farmer Recognition Program

Six farms from across the State of New Jersey are being highlighted in the 2019 Jersey Fresh Farm to School Farmer Recognition Program. The program is an opportunity for farmers to highlight their Farm to School efforts and to gain additional resources to help feature their Jersey Fresh produce in local school meals.

"The farms that applied to the 2019 Jersey Fresh Farmer Recognition Program exemplify why our agricultural families and stories are important to keeping New Jersey known as the Garden State."

In May, participating farms will receive an exclusive Jersey Fresh Farm to School promotional materials kit, which includes a Jersey Fresh Farm to School banner, hats, aprons, seasonality charts, and stickers. One farm, selected out of the group of farms recognized, will be presented as the winner of the 2019 Farm to School Farmer Recognition Award during Jersey Fresh Farm to School Week, September 23-27, 2019.

The six farms being recognized are:

- [Cecil Creek Farm](#): hosts on-farm field trips to teach students about farm animals, soil health and environmental impacts on watersheds.
- [Cherry Valley Cooperative Farm](#): current USDA co-grantee working with preschool and local school district to introduce Farm to School activities at schools and on-farm.
- [Coombs Barnyard](#): Spring through Fall farm field trips as well as summer camp activities.
- [Honey and Sweets Farm Stand](#): participates in school assemblies to highlight fall crops like apples and provides produce for classroom taste tests.
- [Robbinsville Hydroponic Farm](#): a municipally-owned hydroponic educational farm offering educational opportunities for schools, community groups and service projects.
- [The Barn at Gravity Hill](#): farm-based education programming serving local schools and community-based organizations.

Farm to School programs provide hands-on, experiential learning opportunities to help students understand what local agriculture is to New Jersey, how food grows and what it means to eat healthfully with lots of fresh fruits and vegetables.

To learn more, visit www.farmtoschool.nj.gov.

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