



FARM TO EVERYTHING!

A Quarterly Newsletter from the NJDA Farm to School Team

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Highlighting FARMERS in Farm to School!

The 2019 Farmer Recognition Award application is available online [at this link](#).

If you are a farm that hosts schools for on-farm field trips and you provide hands-on education to PreK-12 students, you should register to be recognized!

If your farm sells produce to

schools for taste tests or cafeteria meals, then you should apply!

Check out our [homepage](#) to learn more.

The 2018 Farmer Recognition Award went to the Mount Family, owners of Terhune Orchards in Mercer County. Click [here](#) to learn about their efforts to teach the next generation of consumers about New Jersey agriculture.

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NJDA Farm to School to Host Farmer Training at Vegetable Growers Convention

“Farmers and Schools: Making the Connection” will be the theme of a farmer training to take place at the 2019 New Jersey Vegetable Growers Association Convention, which takes place in Atlantic City from February 5-7, 2019.

The session will cover essential resources for producers to sell produce to schools and to engage with students in all grade levels. For more information about the VGA Convention, click [here](#).



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Growing, Cooking, Serving



FARM TO SCHOOL:

In December, the 2019 Jersey Fresh Farm to School Calendar will be sent to all schools participating in the USDA National School Lunch Program as well as other Child Nutrition Programs including the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Summer

Food Service Program.

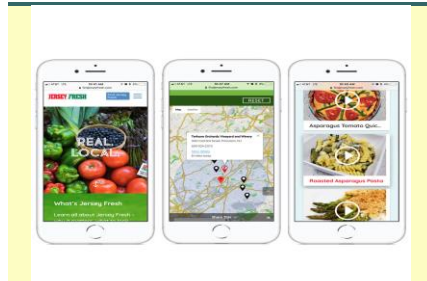
The calendar represents what “Farm to Everything” means; no matter what age or what program. Teaching the next generation about eating locally grown, fresh produce is a win for life-long eating habits.



FARM TO SUMMER:

The NJDA Summer Food Service Program is gearing up for 2019 with trainings and resources for the new season.

Start to plan now for menus that feature locally grown produce by visiting findjersefresh.com to find growers in the Garden State.



FARM TO PRESCHOOL:

We highlight frozen blueberries for our January [Jersey Tastes](#) fruit of the month and there are so many ways preschoolers can experience the deliciousness of New Jersey blueberries. Download our printable [Jersey Tastes Blueberries flyer](#), taste test [stickers](#) and two-sided “[Fun Facts](#)” doc for some classroom fun.



We want to hear from you!

Tell us what you did during **Jersey Fresh Farm to School Week** and if you're celebrating **Jersey Tastes!** with local produce tastings!

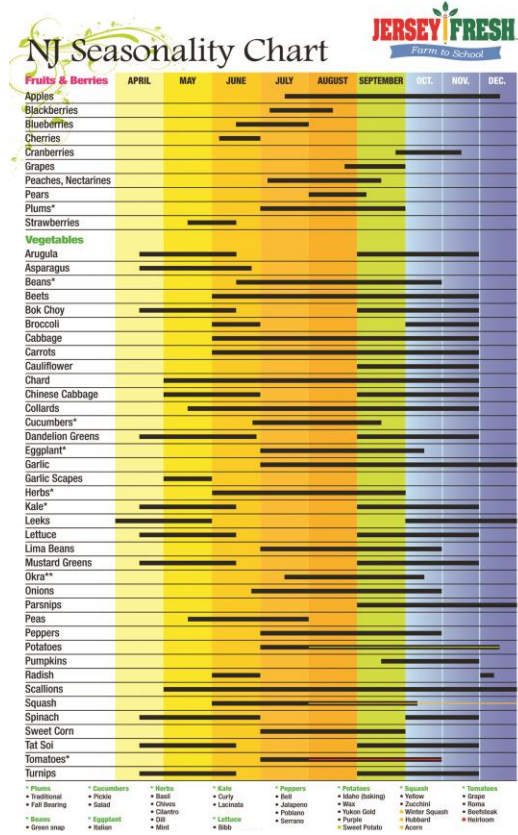
Send an email to newjerseyf2s@ag.nj.gov or call us at 609-292-8747 so we can highlight your events featuring local procurement, gardens and nutrition education with local produce on social media.

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Click the seasonality chart to see what grows in the Garden State!



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