ADDING UP THE IMPACTS OF FARM TO SCHOOL

Farm to school connects children, local agriculture and the community to improve student health and academic performance as well as strengthen local economies. Kids win. Communities win. Farmers win.

**NC School Nutrition Facts**

- **138 million**
  - NC school meals served in 2018
- **1.1 million**
  - NC children get school meals daily
- **7th** largest school meal program in the U.S.

**NCDA Farm to School Program**

- Farm to School Program keeps $1.4 million in NC.
- That’s 2% of the total school meal produce budget

**Economic Impact**

- Every dollar spent on local produce for school nutrition generates $2.00 of economic activity.
- Every job created through local school purchases, creates 2.61 jobs in the local economy.

NC students whose school nutrition programs participate in NCDA’s Farm to School program can name 16 different NC-grown fruits and veggies. **How many can you name?**

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