



Farm to School Efforts Supporting Resilient Local Food Systems

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Our 3 Pillars of Work:

1. Distribute grant funding to improve access to local foods in schools.
2. Disseminate research and data on existing programs and opportunities for expansion.
3. Provide training and technical assistance to improve access to local foods in schools.

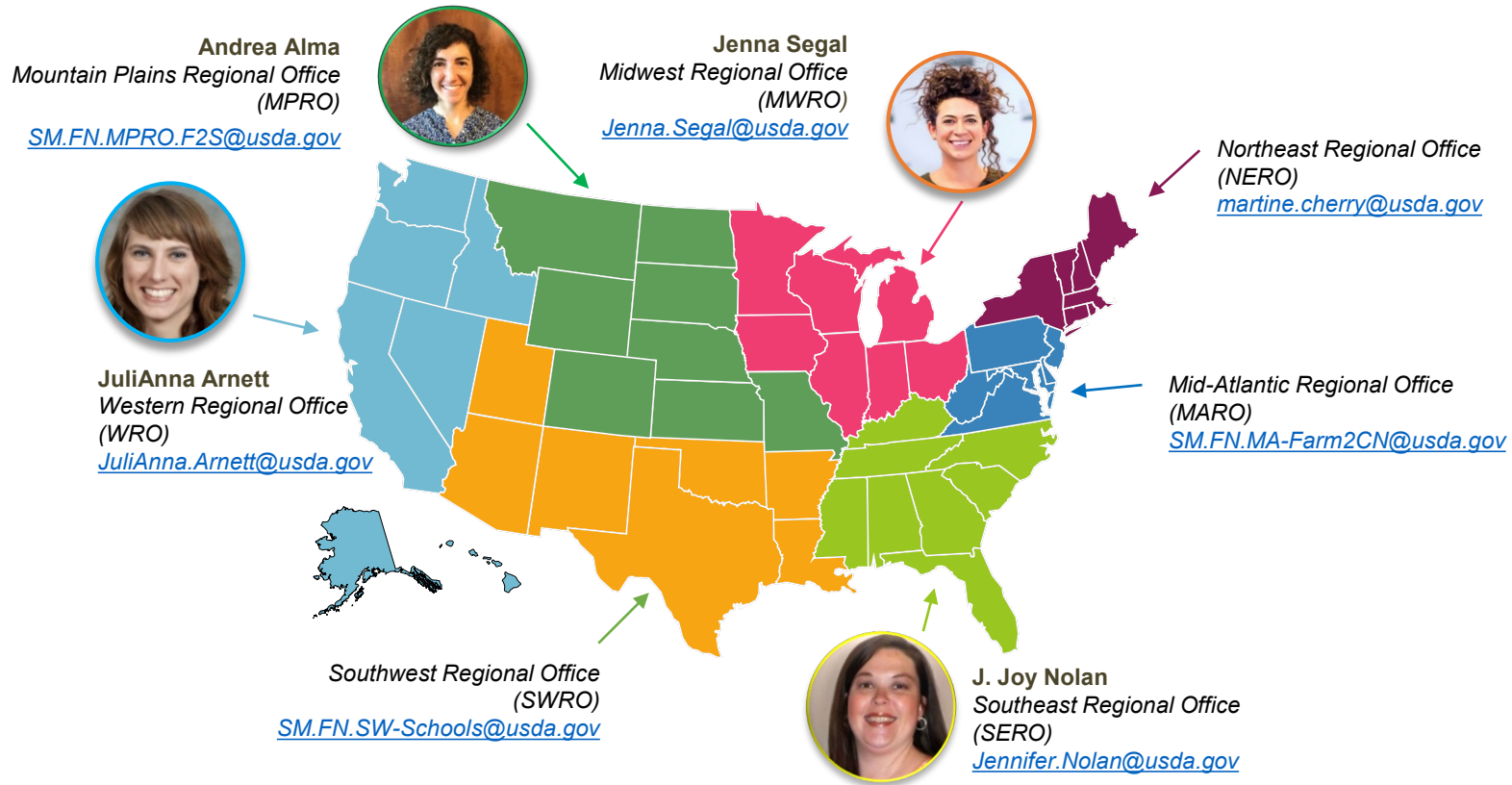


Farm to School Grant Program



- **FY 2020 USDA awarded \$12.1 million to 159 grantees**
- **Since 2013, USDA has awarded over \$52 million to 719 grantees**

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General Overviews

- [Office of Community Food Systems Resources](#)
- [Research Shows Farm to School Works](#)
- [Integrating Local Foods into Child Nutrition Programs](#)
- [Selling Local Food to Schools: A Resource for Producers](#)
- [How Cooperative Extension Professionals Can Support Farm to School Programs](#)
- [Effective Strategies State Agencies Can Use to Support Community Food Systems](#)
- [Farm to Child Nutrition Programs Planning Guide](#)

Special Topics

- [School Gardens: Using Gardens to Grow Healthy Habits in Cafeterias, Classrooms, and Communities](#)
- [Bringing Tribal Foods and Traditions into Cafeterias, Classrooms, and Gardens](#)
- [Gardens in Tribal Communities](#)



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Farm to School Producer Training

Help agricultural producers build their capacity to launch or expand efforts to market to schools, therefore increasing farm to school activity in schools.



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Supporting Farm to School Efforts in 2020



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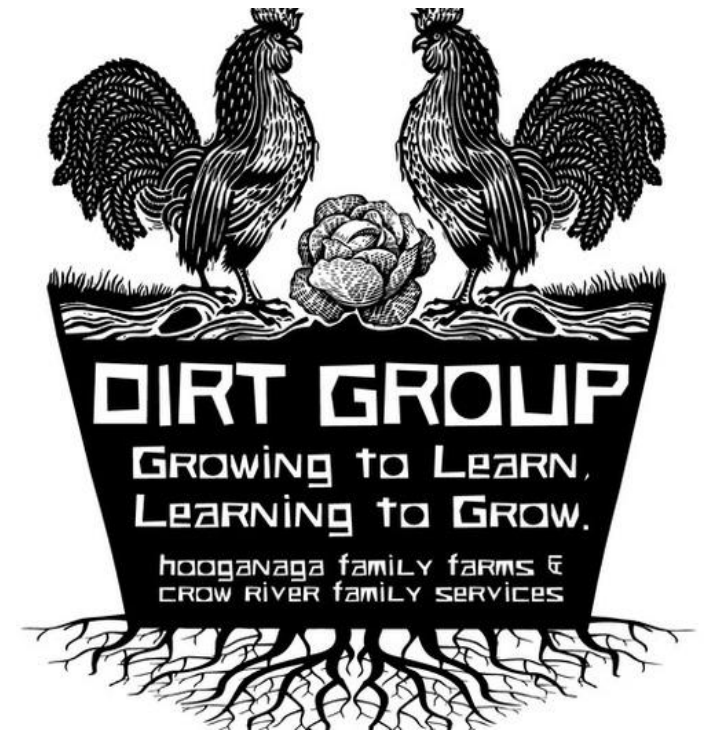
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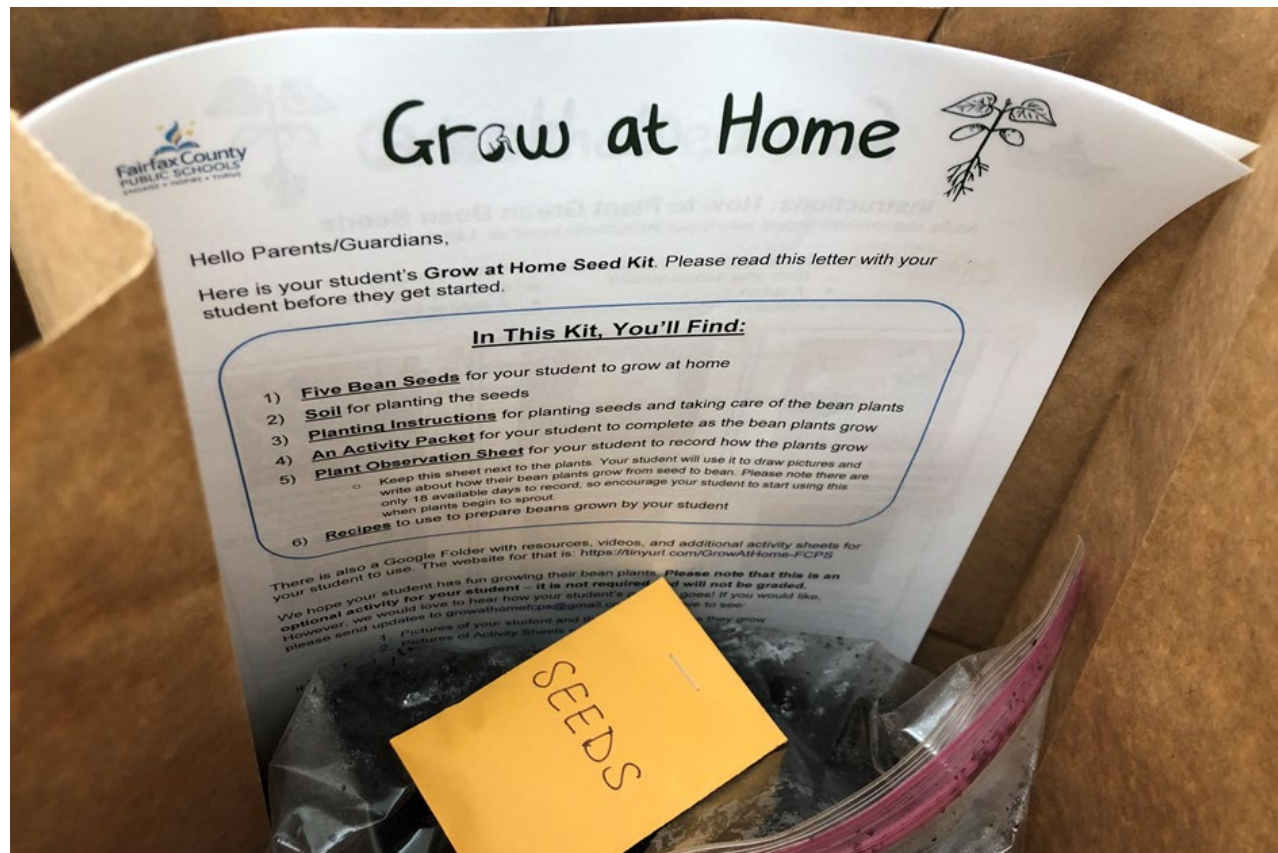
Brooklyn Center Schools (MN), FY 2018 Implementation Grantee



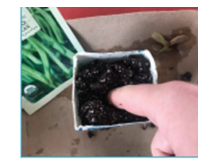


Fairfax County Public Schools (VA), FY 2019 Planning Grantee

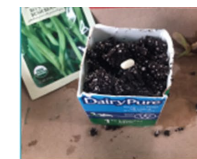




Use a spoon to fill the milk carton with soil $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way full (about a fingernail's length from the top).

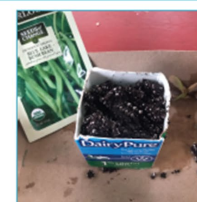


Now it is time to plant the seed!
Use your finger to make a little hole in the soil.

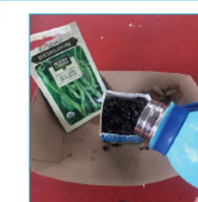


Place one seed inside the hole

7.



8.



9.



Find a sunny spot for your





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Urban Roots(NV), FY 2019 Implementation Grantee



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Need More Acres Farms

Kentucky Department of Ag, FY 2018 Implementation Grantee



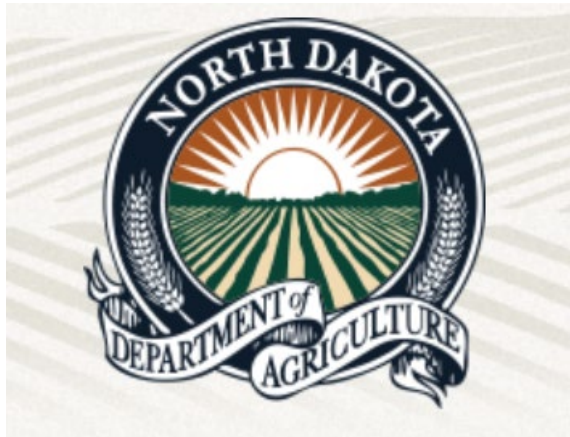
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Concrete School District (WA), FY 2016 Implementation Grantee

United General District 304 (WA), FY 2018 Planning Grantee





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<https://www.nd.gov/ndda/NDLFMAP>



Navigating a Changing Food Supply Chain During COVID-19 School Closures

[https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/coronavirus/pdfs/
NavigatingFoodSupply-COVID-19.pdf](https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/coronavirus/pdfs/NavigatingFoodSupply-COVID-19.pdf)



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