VERMONT FARM TO SCHOOL
Grant Program

Building a Culture of Change by Connecting Health, Education, and Agriculture in Schools

INVESTMENT

$816,000 + **$400,000** = **$1,216,000**

state allocation
(FY07—FY15)

leveraged funds
(Federal and Foundation support 2011—2015)

to integrate local foods in school cafeterias, classrooms and communities!

IMPACT

Program reached **96 schools** (30% of schools)

Over **27,000 students** experienced farm to school grant funded activities

COLLABORATION

- Technical assistance to schools from **VT FEED** (a collaboration of **Shelburne Farms** and **NOFA Vermont**) and regional organizations
- Fully integrated school teams; including administration, food service staff, teachers, parents, community members, and farmers

Impact of $75,000 for 2013 Farm to School Grantees:

- FTS programs at 17 schools
- Over 6,200 students engaged
- 28 new farm partners
- Over 3,000 students tried new foods
- 16 schools engaged at school gardens
- Fresh and local foods accessed by students, 51% of whom qualify for free and reduced lunch
- 56 community members engaged in Farm to School technical assistance

SUSTAINABILITY OF FARM TO SCHOOL

- FTS grantees are 50% more likely to have a sustained FTS program.
- FTS grantees are 100% more likely to have paid staff and teachers trained in FTS.
- All grantees conducted more taste tests, used community volunteers, hosted festivals and other community events.

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