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Georgia Farm to School Alliance Hosts 6th Farm to School Summit in Augusta, Ga.

Where: Helms College Augusta, Ga.

When: Oct. 5, 12 -7:30 p.m. & Oct. 6, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Atlanta, Ga. – This year, the Georgia Farm to School Alliance celebrates 10 years of engaging and supporting farm to school efforts across the state by hosting our 6th Farm to School Summit at Helms College in Augusta. More than 40 percent of schools in Georgia are actively engaged in Farm to School activities. Comprehensive Farm to School programs build strong local food systems and community, contribute to vibrant local economies and environments while supporting, improved student health and educational outcomes.

The Farm to School Summit will connect schools, early care centers, and local farms and distributors to serve and champion healthy, local meals in cafeterias, improve student nutrition, and increase farm and gardening educational opportunities. This year's Summit welcomes farmers, teachers, early care educators and administrators, school nutrition staff, students, parents, and others interested in learning more about Georgia's farm to school movement.

Summit highlights include:

- Opening keynote from national farm to school leader **Betti Wiggins of Houston Independent School District**
- Closing keynote address from **Burke County School Nutrition Director, Golden Radish Outstanding District of 2016 Awardee and President of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Donna Martin**
- Three 3-hour in-depth workshops and three 3-hour dynamic field trips showcasing Augusta area farm to school programs
- Twenty-one education sessions covering a variety of topics for early care and K-12 educators, administrators, and school nutrition staff
- Networking reception to connect experts and practitioners at the state, district, and school level to facilitate continued Farm to School growth in Georgia

About Farm to School

Farm to School is a nationwide movement that connects schools and local farms to serve healthy meals in school cafeterias, improve student nutrition and farm or gardening educational opportunities. Currently there are farm to school programs in all 50 states.



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About Georgia Organics

Georgia Organics is a member supported, non-profit organization with a mission to connect organic food from Georgia farms to Georgia families. We strengthens Georgia communities by helping people make connections between the food they eat and where it comes from. Georgia Organics serves as the Georgia Core Partner for the National Farm to School Network and launched Georgia's first statewide farm to school program 10 years ago. We work closely with school district leaders, agriculture experts and state agencies to implement farm to school across Georgia, now serving over 1 million kids from every region and background. For more information, visit www.georgiaorganics.org.

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