2017 Farm to School Program Reach
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Workshops and Trainings

Georgia Organics presented 14 farm to school trainings for over 550 people in 2017.

- Hosted the 6th Georgia Farm to School Summit in Augusta with the Georgia Farm to School Alliance for over 250 educators, early care providers, administrators, school nutrition staff, and agricultural professionals.
- Trained over 230 educators and school nutrition staff to integrate farm to school in cafeteria and curriculum activities.
- Piloted the Georgia Farm to School Institute with four school-based teams.

“This was my first year trying to do this garden, and I’ve honestly gotten super overwhelmed. This [workshop] was so, so helpful in terms of encouragement and fresh, easy ideas.”

-Barrow County Educator

Farm to Early Care and Education

In collaboration with Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, the Georgia Department of Public Health, and Georgia Shape, the Georgia Farm to Early Care and Education Coalition (chaired by Georgia Organics) launched the 2017-2020 Farm to Early Care and Education Overview and Strategy. This Strategic Plan details the Coalition's statewide goals and identifies opportunities for Georgia’s 0-5 year olds, including integrating gardening and healthy food activities and creating a culture of health and wellness in early care environments.

Georgia Organics is implementing the Plan in partnership with Quality Care for Children, Voices for Georgia’s Children, The Common Market, and Little Ones Learning Center with a $1.7 million collaborative grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Eleven early care centers will participate in a learning collaborative.

FoodCorps Georgia

FoodCorps is a nationwide team of AmeriCorps leaders that connect kids to growing and eating healthy food in limited resource schools. Georgia Organics serves as the State Partner for FoodCorps, supporting service members who serve with The Athens Land Trust, Carrollton City Schools, Georgia Farmers Market Association, International Rescue Committee, Jackson County Schools, Marietta City Schools, and Wylde Center.

The Golden Radish Awards

The Golden Radish Awards are presented by Georgia Organics, UGA Cooperative Extension and Georgia’s Departments of Agriculture, Education, and Public Health. Seventy-five districts received a Golden Radish at the ceremony on October 30. Collectively, these districts tended 885 school gardens and served over 97 million meals featuring at least one local item.

Make Room for Legumes

Our state-wide campaign encouraged adults and kids across Georgia to eat, grow, and participate in legume-themed activities during October Farm to School Month. Over 240,000 students participated this October! Georgia Organics provides seeds and a toolkit filled with curriculum, easy activities, recipes, and garden resources for educators and school staff.

“My students loved learning the word “legume” and trying to use it in a conversation with their families...their favorite activity was making black bean salsa. The number of students that shared that they don’t eat beans was pretty high [and] we discussed how important it is to try new things. They measured, chopped, mixed, and tasted it...the verdict was 99% loved it!”

-Cherokee County Educator

2016-2017 FoodCorps Georgia Impacts:

- 9 service members
- 4,413 kids served
- 1,422 lessons and activities
- 39 gardens built or revitalized
- 816 pounds of school garden produce harvested