Atlanta Public Schools
Lunch at APS includes a daily vegetarian entree and a daily salad bar, known as the APS Salad Bowl, which includes locally grown vegetables.

Baldwin County School District
The LEA-wide policy contains an entire section dedicated solely to Farm to School. One of the commitments is to “Use the Farm to School program to promote awareness of how food choices affect our health, communities, and the environment.”

Barrow County School System
A 3rd grade class conducted a taste test for their teachers with kale chips and kale pesto that they made themselves. They placed the food in the teacher’s break room, where the teachers tried it and marked their response on a chart.

Bartow County School System
Bartow County Schools offer locally grown food items, including meat, milk, and juice, on the menu at each meal. A majority of the produce served comes from local farms, such as Jaemor Farm, Latham Farm, Southern Valley and Stonecreek Hydroponics.

Bleckley County Schools
Bleckley County Pre-K Farm Day is a massive undertaking and huge success that takes place on a local farm. More than 30 farmers and agriculture-related business owners engaged with each Pre-K student through interactive exhibits. Students planted seeds, watched a cow be milked, pet piglets, and helped fly drones.

Burke County Public School System
All teachers throughout the district were offered the opportunity to attend Organic School Gardening 101. Each week, teachers studied topics in agriculture education and ways to explain/teach the concepts to students. Topics included plant anatomy and physiology, soil health and planning a garden.

Cherokee County School District
Teachers and school nutrition staff attended an educational farm field trip hosted by Cherokee County Farm Bureau. Educators visited Phil Cochran Beef & Hay Farm, Rockin S Farm, Lady Slipper Rare Plant Nursery and Pilgrim’s Pride Farms to learn about local agriculture and new ways to teach standards to students in subjects like science, math and reading.

Dade County Schools
The Future Farmers of America club and plant sciences class regularly participated in F2S activities. Ag students grew vegetables, flowers and other plants in a large greenhouse and hoop house. Students also raised livestock and participated in regional and state-wide agriculture and 4-H competitions.

Douglas County School System
Douglas County School Nutrition Brand Ambassador Chef Rose conducted “Cooking Locally Grown w/Chef Rose” with all grade levels. As students prepared and enjoyed Apple Pie Parfaits, Zucchini Muffins, and Strawberry Smoothies, they learned about the benefits of eating locally grown food.

Effingham County Schools
To celebrate October Farm to School Month, students who participated in the school lunch program were eligible to win an organic produce box from Heritage Organic Farm. Throughout the month of October there was one winner each week at each school, for a total of 56 winners.
winners of fresh, organic produce.

**Elbert County School District**
Each month, Elbert County School menus spotlight a Georgia-grown product by making a special recipe with it. The Family and Consumer Science students at Elbert High School help develop the recipe in their food labs. Elbert County Middle School students help the School Nutrition staff prepare the recipe to be served in the cafeterias.

**Fannin County School System**
Second grade students studied life cycles by incubating eggs from ducks, Guinea hens, and chickens. Once the animals were hatched and fully grown, they donated them to local farmers.

**Fayette County Public Schools**
Fayette County highlights locally grown items each month with a “Farm to School Spotlight” campaign. Local items are highlighted on the menu and signs display information on the item and the farm where it was grown.

**Fulton County Schools**
All 95 schools promoted a local item each month in multiple ways. Farmer biography handouts were available throughout the school cafeterias and napkin dispensers displayed flyers. School Nutrition provided each school with Farm-to-School newsletter blurbs, announcement suggestions and social media posts.

**Gainesville City School System**
School nutrition publishes a Farm to School calendar listing the taste test promotions scheduled in cafeterias throughout the year. Additional taste tests are offered when local, seasonal produce items are available.

**Jackson County Schools**
Second graders at West Jackson gained the opportunity to practice their entrepreneurial skills through the school’s partnership with a local pizza restaurant. The garden’s fresh basil is sold to the restaurant and all the proceeds are used to continue and expand the school’s garden program.

**Laurens County Schools**
Georgia Southern Interns introduced High School students to kombucha in the Food Science classes. Students learned about chemical food reactions and fermentation in a lesson that incorporated local foods and ended with a kombucha taste test.

**Paulding County School District**
Brian Higgins, a.k.a. the Bee Man, visited Paulding County Garden and Stem Club students. He taught the students the importance of honey bees and how to care for them as part of an “Atlanta’s Hometown Honey” initiative.

**Sumter County Schools**
Furlow Charter School partnered with local business Café Campesino to create a special blend of organic coffee called “School Grounds.” Art students compete to have their art featured on the bag and the coffee is sold at Café Campesino, online, and at Furlow Charter School. A portion of the proceeds support the Furlow Charter School Art Program.

**Treutlen County Schools**
Students enjoy learning standards-based lessons through hands-on activities, including measuring and exploring the garden with a magnifying glass and harvesting and cooking produce from the school garden.

**Warren County Public Schools**
The CTAE and the Nutrition Departments have an annual fall harvest parade. FFA members and the school marching band ceremoniously wheel the produce from the garden to the cafeteria. Community supporters, school board members, business partners, and parents are invited to the celebration.
Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School
Atlanta Neighborhood Charter School offers a self-serve “Taste Test Station” in the lunchroom where students can taste samples and complete a feedback form while they are enjoying lunch.

City Schools of Decatur
With the support of a wide variety of community Farm to School Champions, including 25 restaurants, twice yearly “Farm to School Dine Out” events raise money for internships, scholarships and financial resources for district wide taste tests.

Clarke County School District
All seventh graders in the district visited the State Botanical Garden and University of Georgia’s student-led organic garden to learn about urban farming. With the help of UGAarden (Pronounced “YouGarden”) student volunteers, students participated in vegetable taste tests, made kale smoothies and learned about healthy eating. They also taste-tested the fresh produce, which was promoted and served the following week.

Clayton County Public Schools
Clayton County celebrated Black History month in February with the theme: The first African Americans in space. School nutrition managers conducted taste tests and menu-ed candied beets, marketing them as “space candy”. Students loved it! Many didn’t know what beets were and tasted them for the first time.

Cobb County School District
A local restaurant sold herb seedlings to special needs students for their school garden. Once the herbs were fully grown, the restaurant bought them back to use in their menu items.

Coweta County School System
During Try-Day Friday, elementary school students received nutrition education in the cafeteria by seeing, smelling and touching fresh produce in its whole form.

Dougherty County School System
Each school was assigned a Garden Support Contact through a community partner who could provide guidance, feedback, and answer questions as needed. Based on the collaboration of schools, community partners, parents and stakeholders, Dougherty County Schools has evolved from one Teaching Garden to 15 Teaching Gardens.

Emanuel County School System
Students at every grade level enjoyed learning from farmers in their community. Pre-K and Early Head Start students visited Farmer Pete Jackson twice. Two elementary schools had “Farm Days” where they met and talked to farmers. High school students hosted an Area Young Farmer meeting where they proudly served salads using lettuce grown in their school gardens.

Gwinnett County Public Schools
Brookwood High School offers a course called Natural Resource Management, in which students develop entrepreneurial skills while learning about sustainable agriculture. Through this course, students managed an aquaponics system in their classroom, and donated half of the produce they grew to a local food co-op.

Habersham County Schools
A successful partnership with the Farm Bureau provided the county with multiple professional development opportunities, career-day fairs, more than 20 student taste tests, and a F2S-based curriculum for elementary and middle school students.

Harris County School District
The local Farm Bureau works closely with Harris County Schools to educate students about agriculture and to provide technical assistance with the school garden.

Madison County School District
The science teacher at Hull-Sanford Elementary used food items to explain moon phases, soil layers, pollination, and the five senses while teaching how
farmers grew the foods used in the lessons.

Marietta City Schools
Seventh grade teachers at Marietta Middle School used STEM-based lessons to set up and maintain an aquaponics and aeroponics tower garden system. The lessons support a long-distance venture called the Haiti Project. Students are researching types of sustainably grown produce that meet the nutritional needs of the Haitian diet.

Muscogee County School District
The School Nutrition Department served over 614,000 school meals with food sourced from local farms, including Southern Press and Packing, Bland Farms, Mercier Orchards, Herndon Farms, Dickey Farms, and many more.

Newton County Schools
The district partnered with Newton County’s Farm Bureau to facilitate 54 community events and 75 parent events to educate community members and parents on farm to school. Farm Bureau also works with teachers to create agriculture focused lesson plans.

Oconee County Schools
Elementary school classes take annual field trips to Washington Farms to learn about soil preparation, farm equipment, the importance of pollinators, photosynthesis, and more!

Pierce County Schools
Students taste tested green beans and chicken products. They scored items on whether they tried it, liked it, or wanted it on the menu. Additionally, a Family and Consumer Science class prepared several recipes using local produce and then tested their creations to provide recommendations for the school menu.

Richmond County School System
Goshen Elementary raised chickens and sold eggs each week. As part of a math lesson, students kept track of what was sold each week and purchased feed based on the profit.

Savannah-Chatham County Public School System
At May Howard Elementary School, social studies teachers grew peanuts with the students as part of history lessons on Georgia crops and food production.

Tift County Schools
The district’s annual “Back to School with Farm to School” and “Children’s Farm Day” events allow community members, media representatives, and staff to tour the school and learn about garden and food based education.

Valdosta City Schools
Science teachers, master gardeners, and volunteers use Valdosta City School’s edible gardens as classrooms. With the help of Extension Agent Joshua Dawson and a UGA curriculum, they instruct on aspects of gardening and farming throughout the school year.

Wayne County School System
The local radio station 105.5 FM announces the school menus each day and highlights locally grown items and local farms.
The 2019 Golden Radish Awards

**Banks County School System**

Students in the 4th grade grew multiple varieties of lettuce during the spring, which were taste tested by all students in grades 3-5 during Feed My School week.

**Brooks County Schools**

The district’s Wellness Policy commits to purchasing and serving at least 20% locally grown fresh produce and to “plan menus to accommodate the seasonality of local agriculture according to the availability of produce from local farms and school gardens.”

**Bibb County Schools**

Last year, students grew such an abundance of romaine lettuce that they wanted to share it with other students in the school. The principal and nutrition manager planned a special day for the students to harvest the lettuce, prepare it in the cafeteria kitchen, and serve it to their peers.

**Brantley County School System**

Elementary school students constructed small greenhouses and used them to grow butter bean plants. They explored the effects of healthy soil, water and sunlight on plant growth.

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**Buford City Schools**

Teachers at Buford Academy incorporate farm to school concepts into their math and science lessons. A science teacher often conducts class in the school garden, which has four raised beds and a tower garden.

**Columbia County School District**

Parents and school community members participated in a Vidalia Onion fundraiser with 4-H students. Students, parents, and family members sold Vidalia onions to raise money for 4-H. Some students received discounts towards 4-H camps by selling the onions.

**Dawson County School System**

The Upper Chattahoochee Water Conservation District gave Kilough Elementary School a hoop house, which was used to create a unique partnership between first grade and high school students. High school students readied the hoop house and gathered community donations and support. Now first graders grow and learn in the greenhouse with help from invested community members.

**Dekalb County School District**

School Nutrition Services partnered with schools to create a program that incorporates gardening and environmental preservation in nutrition education. Students learned how waste prevention helps to protect the environment using the reduce, reuse and recycle model.

**Dublin City Schools**

Dublin City High School students participated in the GaDOE Student Chef Competition; working with lunchroom manager, Ricketa Carr and lunchroom staff to prepare. Students worked with cafeteria staff five different times to develop their recipe. Once it was perfected, they served to the entire Dublin High School student body for lunch.

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**Forsyth County Schools**

Every school in Forsyth County celebrated and promoted Harvest of the Month. Celebrations included: Farmer Appreciation Day and Apple Crunch Day.
Cafeteria staff dressed up, offered taste tests and samples, cooked with students and identified local products on the serving line. Schools shared these activities with the community on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

**Grady County Schools**
Whigham Elementary School enjoys tremendous community support from local farmers who regularly stop by to check on the greenhouse and garden, and local businesses which donate garden inputs, such as fertilizer and soil. Farmer Sammy Perkins selected the Whigham FFA to receive the “America’s Farmers Grow Grant” to help expand their agriculture program.

**Johnson County Schools**
Pre-K students participated in various farm to school activities. Farmer Pete Jackson visited them, and they took a field trip to Sunny Day Farm. Johnson County Farm Bureau representative Torie Gilbert read them the book Clarabelle: Making Milk and So Much More, after which, the students tried their hand at making butter!

**Lincoln County School District**
Students analyzed and discussed the differences between locally grown strawberries from Lincoln county and strawberries from California during taste tests. Naturally, Georgia Grown was preferred!

**Griffin-Spalding County School System**
Each Tuesday for the entire school year, students in the district participated in “Veggie Math”. The activities consisted of cutting, measuring, weighing and counting fresh vegetables.

**Pickens County Schools**
School nutrition staff work with the high school culinary instructor to invent new recipes that incorporate local vegetables in the school menu. They often conduct sample tests and focus groups with the culinary classes to keep up with student trends.

**Rockdale County Public Schools**
Community Partner UGA Extension facilitated taste tests of Georgia Grown strawberries, carrots, summer squash, cucumbers, watermelon, blueberries and cabbage. Students voted on their favorites and earned “Rainbow Taster” certificates for participating.

**Stephens County School System**
The Future Farmers of America club at Stephens County High School hosted a spring plant sale out of their greenhouse as a fundraiser. They sold bell peppers, roma tomatoes, and various flowers grown by the horticulture class.

**Wilkinson County Board of Education**
Parents and community members are invited to attend many farm to school themed events, including taste tests and school garden maintenance days.
Amana Academy
Students in the after school program participate in weekly cooking and tasting activities using produce they harvest from the school garden.

Butts County School System
Daughtry Elementary hosted a Farm to School day for all kindergarten students in the district. Different farmers brought animals, farm equipment and educational materials to share with students.

Glascock County School System
Each elementary school student in the district participated in a taste testing of local and organic vegetables, including carrots, celery, strawberries, kiwi and apples.

Gordon County Schools
Kindergarten through fifth grade students planted and cared for the Victory Garden. Fifth grade students harvested the produce they grew to make vegetable soup for veterans who visited the school in November.

Glynn County School System
Glynn County enjoyed Kick’n It With Kale so much that they continued celebrating greens throughout the school year. They purchased organic arugula from Canewater Farm and planted lettuce in the planter near their office at Goodyear Elementary. Because the planter is near a popular meeting room, there were many impromptu field trips to the garden to check out the fabulous lettuce.

Hall County Schools
The Hall County Master Gardeners collaborate with the school district for the “Gardens on Green” project, where students learn about planting, harvesting, and composting. Students made green smoothies with vegetables they harvested from the school garden.

Lowndes County School District
Pre-K class students participated in several Farm to School activities, including taste tests of different foods made with pumpkin during Halloween. They also visited Destination Ag to learn about soil, plants and the foods we eat that come from plants.

Lumpkin County School System
Salad bars featuring local lettuce from Costley Family Farms, and Georgia Grown tomatoes and peppers were introduced at all of the schools in 2019.

Montgomery County Schools
Montgomery County Schools began their farm to school journey when the superintendent (a hobby farmer) noticed an unused open space on their elementary campus and called attention to the Farm-to-School potential. The space is now used to grow produce and raise goats and chickens.

Scintilla Charter Academy
Second graders learned how to grow food in small areas to address issues of limited space, water, and poor soil. Students started seedlings in grow bags, then transplanted them in a hydroponics system. Upon maturity, they harvested the produce for the cafeteria’s food program.

White County Schools
4-H elementary and middle school students share a centrally located garden where they study soil fertility, plant disease, environmental stresses, and commercial crop production. Last year, students donated 150 lbs of their school garden produce to the White County Food Pantry.