

Final results from the USDA Farm to School Census are now available online at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/census/#/>. If you are a USDA employee, the Census website is currently best viewed using Mozilla Firefox.

These results include more than 1,500 new and updated responses bringing the response rate to 75%. The total dollars invested in local communities during the 2011-2012 school year increased to more than \$385 million and more than 23 million students are participating in farm to school programs as of the 2012-2013 school year.

The Census website includes lots of new graphics and features. For example, a new data explorer tool allows users to run customizable searches. Want to know which school districts in Washington and Oregon would like to buy more local beef? Now you can run a search for precisely the information you need. A new media kit page offers downloadable infographics for each state so you can include Census results in your presentations, brochures, or newsletters. For your convenience, attached are two updated infographics summarizing national results to share with your colleagues and partners.

We also hope you will help USDA promote the Census re-launch using Facebook and Twitter. Improved social media tools are located at the bottom of the national and state pages.

We would encourage you to reach out to your USDA Farm to School Regional Lead as a great resource to help promote the Census and answer any questions. Also, USDA and Secretary Vilsack will be highlighting this milestone on Monday, June 9, during the White House Rural Council meeting focused on local and regional food systems. You can virtually tune in to this meeting on Monday at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/live>.