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Wisconsin Farm-to-School Survey

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Initial Question:

Do you currently have an active “farm-to-school” program? By this we mean **any arrangement** where your school district food service purchases **(2006-07 school year and/or so far during the 2007-08 school year) some amount** of locally grown food instead of buying from companies that get food from all over the country or even all over the Midwest?

YES _____ NO ___**X**___

Please answer all questions to the best of your ability in the context of last year and so far this year (The 2006-07 school year and Fall 2007).

School District Questions:

1) How many schools of each type are in your district?

elementary _____ middle _____ high _____

2) What is the total number of enrolled students in each type of school in your district?

elementary _____ middle _____ high _____

3) Please characterize your school district as public _____ or private _____.

Food Service Questions:

1) Are your district food services self-operated _____ or contract-managed _____?

a. If contract managed, who is the contractor? _____

2) How many different people are responsible for placing food orders in your school district?

3) How many schools of each type receive direct food delivery?

elementary _____ middle _____ high _____

4) How many schools of each type have cooking and/or food preparation capabilities?

elementary _____ middle _____ high _____

5) Which of the following meals are served in school cafeterias in your district?

breakfast_____ lunch_____

6) On average, what would you estimate to be the total number of meals served daily in school cafeterias in your district?

breakfast_____ lunch_____

7) What is the approximate annual food budget for food services in your district?

\$_____

8) Would your food services in your school district be interested in purchasing locally raised food to include in your menus? YES_____ NO_____

9) Are you aware of any outlets that have expressed an interest in providing locally raised food to be served in cafeterias in your school district?

YES_____ NO_____

10) Are you aware of any groups in your school district that have expressed an interest in having locally raised food served in your cafeterias?

YES_____ NO_____

11) Please indicate the degree to which each of the following have limited your ability to incorporate locally raised food into your menu.

	Not at all			A lot
Finding growers or local product supply	1	2	3	4
Coordinating purchase and delivery of products	1	2	3	4
Product quality	1	2	3	4
Product quantity	1	2	3	4
Product price	1	2	3	4
Seasonality	1	2	3	4
Student food preferences	1	2	3	4
Getting administrative support	1	2	3	4
Products must be ready to cook and/or serve	1	2	3	4
Food safety concerns	1	2	3	4
Liability insurance requirements	1	2	3	4
Bidding policies/requirements of your school district	1	2	3	4
Contract restrictions with my primary supplier	1	2	3	4
Other	1	2	3	4

12) Please indicate to what degree you see each of the following as being benefits of farm to school programs?

	Not Beneficial			Very Beneficial
Supporting local farmers	1	2	3	4
Supporting the local economy	1	2	3	4
Higher quality food	1	2	3	4
Lower environmental impacts	1	2	3	4
Good for community relations	1	2	3	4
Meeting desire and demand from students	1	2	3	4
Meeting desire and demand from parents	1	2	3	4
Other	1	2	3	4

13) Thank you very much for time and contribution to this important research. Would you like to receive a copy of our completed report when it is ready?

YES _____ NO _____

14) I'd like to encourage you to check out the following websites for additional resources and information on farm-to-school programs:

<http://www.farmtoschool.org/>
<http://www.reapfoodgroup.org/farmtoschool/>
<http://www.foodroutes.org/eflyers/FarmtoSchoolGuide.pdf>
<http://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/farmtoschool.html>

15) Please use the space on the next page to write any additional comments that you may have regarding the purchase of locally raised food in the cafeterias in your school district that might not be fully addressed through this survey.

