



## Program Goals

The Harvest NY Regional Farm to School Coordinator Program provides comprehensive support to Farm to School (F2S) stakeholders, including School Food Authorities (SFAs), farmers, distributors, manufacturers, processors, and food hubs. The primary goal of this program is to increase the volume and variety of local farm products purchased by SFAs for use in child nutrition programs.

To achieve this goal, Harvest NY developed a plan of work centered on the following three objectives:

1. *Provide direct support to supply chain partners.*
2. *Provide statewide support via resource development, training, and technical assistance to supply chain partners.*
3. *Strengthen campus-to-community connections by identifying and developing opportunities for applied F2S research.*

## What We Do

- Find local food and farm partners
- Work with supply chain partners on logistics, including delivery
- Develop local food procurement plans
- Assist with bid development that favors local foods, e.g. geographic preference
- Establish F2S promotional campaigns, e.g., NY Thursdays or Harvest of the Month
- Assist with securing grants to expand F2S programming
- Support 30% NY Initiative tracking and documentation requirements

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