Farm to School Needs Assessment



1. What is your program area with	nin Cooperative Extension? Please check all that apply.	
	Response Percent	Response Count
Agent with crop/ agriculture, horticulture and/or livestock responsibilities	41.5%	95
4-H Agent	23.1%	53
Family Consumer Sciences	21.4%	49
Community Development	5.7%	13
County Director	23.1%	53
Support staff	3.5%	8
Other (please specify)	7.4%	17
	answered question	229
	skipped question	1

2. If you are currently involved in a Farm to School program or initiative, please check all that apply.			
	Response Percent	Response Count	
Local Food Coordination	15.7%	18	
School Garden/ Community Garden Program	43.5%	50	
Farm Field Trips	35.7%	41	
Cooking/tastings with local food in schools	16.5%	19	
Procurement for schools	1.7%	2	
Market opportunities for farmers	27.0%	31	
Training and technical assistance for farmers	25.2%	29	
Training and technical assistance for schools	9.6%	11	
Economic resource development	8.7%	10	
Other (please specify)	21.7%	25	
	answered question	115	
	skipped question	115	

3. Please rate the following.								
	High	Med. High	Medium	Med. Low	Low	N/A	Rating Average	Response Count
In your opinion, how important is it to have a successful Farm to School Program in your community?	34.5% (77)	28.7% (64)	23.3% (52)	4.9% (11)	4.0% (9)	4.5% (10)	3.89	223
						Any c	omments?	51
						answered	d question	223
						skipped	I question	7

4. Do you think Farm to School is	a potentially profitable market for farmers?	
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	72.6%	159
No	8.7%	19
N/A	18.7%	41
	Any comments?	38
	answered question	219
	skipped question	11

5. Please rate the degree of positive impact you think the following efforts would have on increasing participation in Farm to School.

	High	Med.	Medium	Med.	Low	N/A	Rating	Response
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Training and technical assistance	34.9%	30.1%	23.9%	4.3%	3.3%	3.3%	3.92	209
for farmers	(73)	(63)	(50)	(9)	(7)	(7)	3.92	208
Training and technical assistance	43.0%	30.0%	16.4%	4.3%	2.9%	3.4%	4.40	207
for school child nutrition staff	(89)	(62)	(34)	(9)	(6)	(7)	4.10	207
Training and technical assistance	35.4%	30.6%	20.9%	6.3%	4.9%	1.9%	3.87	206
for teachers	(73)	(63)	(43)	(13)	(10)	(4)		206
Educational resources/curriculum	46.1%	27.5%	16.7%	4.9%	2.9%	2.0%	4.11	20/
connections	(94)	(56)	(34)	(10)	(6)	(4)	4.11	204
				Any of	ther sugge	stions or c	comments?	27
								21
						answered	d question	211
						skinnos	I question	19
						skipped	question	13

6. What are the barriers to your involvement in Farm to School? Check all that apply.			
	Response Percent	Response Count	
Not a priority of my organization (has not emerged in discussions with advisory committees or others requesting the program)	24.8%	51	
No interest from farmers	16.0%	33	
No interest from schools	23.8%	49	
Do not have time	26.7%	55	
Not part of my job description	9.7%	20	
Lack of funding	42.2%	87	
Need for training/technical assistance	38.8%	80	
Other (please specify)	22.8%	47	
	answered question	206	
	skipped question	24	

7. What topic(s) would you like to	learn more about? Please check all that apply.	
	Response Percent	Response Count
How school food works/K-12 food system requirements	55.6%	109
Models for local food procurement	44.9%	88
Farm to School cross marketing opportunities	36.7%	72
Connecting Farm to School with curriculum	56.6%	111
Creating educational farm field trips	43.4%	85
Local food cooking/tastings in schools	36.7%	72
Starting or sustaining a school garden	37.2%	73
Evaluation and documentation/How to capture program impact	39.8%	78
Other (please specify)	4.1%	8
	answered question	196
	skipped question	34

8. What resources would be most helpful to you for a successful Farm to School Program? Please check all that apply.				
	Response Percent	Response Count		
Workshops	68.0%	134		
Guides/Toolkits	59.4%	117		
DVDs	32.5%	64		
Handouts	43.7%	86		
Curriculum	59.9%	118		
Case studies	28.9%	57		
Networking and/or attend a conference	48.7%	96		
Other (please specify)	6.1%	12		
	answered question	197		
	skipped question	33		

9. How many years have you work	ed with Cooperative Extension?	
	Response Percent	Response Count
0-5 years	27.8%	60
6-10 years	17.6%	38
11-15 years	17.6%	38
More than 15 years	37.0%	80
	answered question	216
	skipped question	14

10. Please select the type of comm	nunity in which you work.	
	Response Percent	Response Count
Rural	65.0%	139
Suburban	20.1%	43
Urban	15.0%	32
	answered question	214
	skipped question	16

11. Please answer the following questions.				
	Yes	No	Response Count	
Would you like to receive information about the National Farm to School Network? (If yes, please provide your contact information below.)	66.5% (133)	33.5% (67)	200	
Would you like to be included in the drawing for local food gift bag.	59.2% (113)	40.8% (78)	191	
		answered question	203	
		skipped question	27	

12. If you answered yes to either of the above options, please provide your name and contact information. We will not share this list or your information. (If you indicated "yes" to wanting information about the National Farm to School Network, we will share your information with them so that they can follow up.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Name:		99.3%	139
Address:		98.6%	138
Address 2:		18.6%	26
City/Town:		99.3%	139
State:		98.6%	138
ZIP:		99.3%	139
Country:		87.9%	123
Email Address:		99.3%	139
	answer	ed question	140
	skipp	ed question	90