## **Selling to Schools**

# FARM TO SCHOOL (F2S)

Empowers children and their families to make informed food choices while strengthening the local economy and contributing to vibrant communities.



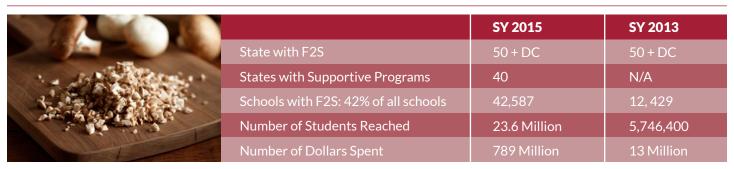
### Why Farm to School (F2S)

- **Procurement:** Local foods are purchased, promoted and served in the cafeteria or as a snack or taste-test.
- **Education:** Students participate in educational activities related to agriculture, food, health or nutrition.

#### Benefits of Farm to School (F2S)

- F2S contacts can connect growers to school districts and coops.
- F2S contacts can assist growers in understanding their state and local distribution options.
- Schools can now legally procure local foods. *Definition of local is locally defined*.

#### Farm to School (F2S) Statistics



## How to Participate in Farm to School (F2S)

- Visit www.farmtoschool.org/our-network for more information about The National Farm to School Network and to sign up in your local community.
- Reach out to your local district to learn about their programs by:
  - Visiting their website to see what programs are being promoted.
  - Email directors to request an appointment to introduce yourself and to explore potential partnerships.
  - Inquiring if school gardens are interested in a mushroom growing kit.



#### Available Resources

The Mushroom Council has a variety of materials available that are specifically designed for School Nutrition, including a **Harvest of the Month** kit. Growers are encouraged to distribute and share these materials with:







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