THE SOUTH CAROLINA FARM TO INSTITUTION PROGRAM
Nationwide Movement

• National level
  • National Farm to School Network
  • USDA

• State level
  • South Carolina Department of Agriculture
  • Administering Agency & State Lead
  • A 2013 statute establishes the South Carolina Fresh on the Campus Program within the South Carolina Department of Agriculture.
Background & Introduction

• The program began in 2011 as a Farm to School Program
• Collaborative effort among many state agencies
• The program has since expanded from schools to include other institutions, such as child care centers, the Department of Juvenile Justice
• Efforts are in place to expand to worksites and other institutional settings
SC Farm to Institution Program
Core Goals

Increase the number of SC Grown products served in institutions across the state

Provide opportunities for individuals to receive nutrition and agriculture education

Promote healthy eating
Alignment with National Farm to School Network

NFSN framework includes 3 elements:

• **Procurement**: Local foods are purchased, promoted and served in the cafeteria or as a snack or taste-test;

• **Education**: Students participate in education activities related to agriculture, food, health or nutrition; and

• **School gardens**: Students engage in hands-on learning through gardening.

• SC Farm to School framework includes the same elements, with an additional procurement element specific to the Certified SC Grown Program
Purchase at least two South Carolina Grown fruits and vegetables from a local farmer, farmers’ market, food distributor, etc.
Serve and promote South Carolina Grown fruits and vegetables as part of the meal
Integrate nutrition & agriculture education through hands-on learning activities.
Establish or revitalize a vegetable and/or fruit garden
Find your local farmers’ & roadside market here!

http://scfarmtoinstitution.com/farm-to-institution/resources/
Website

www.scfarmtoinstitution.com
Resources

• Taste Test Guide
• Curriculum
• Field Trip Guide
• Garden Toolkit
• Food Safety Guide
• Classroom Cooking Materials
• Newsletter sign-up
• --- and many more!
Institutions across the state utilize our farmer profiles when seeking out farmers to purchase from!
Sign up for a FREE workshop!

South Carolina Farm to School
SUMMER GARDEN WORKSHOP

Tuesday, July 19  OR  Wednesday, July 20
9 AM - 3:30 PM  HEATHWOOD HALL EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
3000 South Beltline Blvd. • Columbia, SC 29201

Learn how to start or revitalize a school garden
to use as a year-round teaching tool!

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