

Rhode Island 2011 Farm to School Growth

Expanding Product Offerings in Rhode Island's Farm to School Program

Beets				1 case
Watermelon				19 each
Nectarines				417.5 cases
Pumpkin				521 pounds
Fresh Pasta				1,790 pounds
Pasta Sauce				313 gallons
Rhody Fresh Milk		250 cartons		53,750 cartons
Eggplant		144 cases		2 cases
Spinach		4 cases		15 pounds
Ground Beef		40 pounds		
Eggs		6 dozen		91 dozen
Celery		1 case		
Plums		15 cases		9 cases
Peppers		224 cases		394.25 cases
Pears		1 case		1 case
Cantalope		2 bins		3 bins
Blueberries		37 cases		
Summer Squash		180 pounds		2,692 pounds
Zucchini	1,505 pounds		1,140 pounds	1,680 pounds
Lettuce	2 cases		22 cases	936 pounds
Green Beans	100 pounds		100 pounds	502 pounds
Cherry Tomatoes	44 flats		18 flats	432 flats
Cabbage		120 pounds		
Cucumbers	1.5 cases		60.5 cases	75.25 cases
Cider	252 gallons	506 gallons		37 gallons
Carrots	30 pounds	2,000 pounds	2,675 pounds	1,501 pounds
Strawberries	260 quarts	255 quarts	866 quarts	444 quarts
Peaches	45 cases	166 cases	401 cases	713 cases
Broccoli	50 pounds	420 pounds	574 pounds	402 pounds
Butternut Squash	406 pounds	1,960 pounds	831 pounds	1,944 pounds
Potatoes	28,850 pounds	40,285 pounds	30,350 pounds	14,500 pounds
Tomatoes	201 cases	14 cases	124 cases	128.5 cases
Corn	100 bushels	157 bushels	135 bushels	296 bushels
Apples	2,632 cases	2,511 cases	4,810 cases	4,022 cases

SOURCE: Kids First Rhode Island, 2011

The great success of Harvest 2010 is that every Rhode Island school district purchased RI Grown produce to serve in school meals! Kids First is proud to have supported celebrations of our local growers and the fruits of their labor in schools throughout the 36 districts. From "All Local Lunch Days" to "Wellness Weeks" to "Harvest Fests", we were there to cheer RI Food Service providers as they served refreshing, sweet peaches in September, hearty roasted potatoes in December and the very first of spring's asparagus in May.

RI Farm to School makes good economic "cents" by investing RI school lunch dollars in RI agriculture. Consistent purchases by RI Schools means farmers have customers they can count on and can confidently plant more and extend their growing season. Eating RI Grown in school helps preserve our environment and improve our children's health. With Farm to School everybody wins!

We challenge Schools, School Food Service, and Farmers to seek every opportunity to provide fresh local produce to RI school children.

For information on purchasing local or to schedule Farm to School education programs, contact: Farm to School Specialist Kimberly Clark at Kids First 401475-9696

Harvest 2010 Rhode Island Grown Purchases
Pounds per Student by District
(as reported by school food service operators)

District	Total pounds purchased	Avg student participation (Lunch)	Total pounds per participant
BARRINGTON	2,630.00	917	2.87
BRISTOL-WARREN	4,890.00	1,662	2.94
BURRILLVILLE	2,596.00	1,229	2.11
CENTRAL FALLS	10,510.00	2,825	3.72
CHARIHO	1,756.00	1,123	1.56
COVENTRY	2,400.00	2,103	1.14
CRANSTON	10,541.00	3,549	2.97
CUMBERLAND	1,966.00	2,218	0.89
DAVIES VOC TECH	1,384.00	816	1.70
EAST GREENWICH	3,106.50	699	4.44
EAST PROVIDENCE	6,565.00	2,888	2.27
EXETER / W GREENWICH	522.00	596	0.88
FOSTER-GLOCESTER	3,200.00	1,318	2.43
INT'L CHARTER SCHOOL	147.00	304	0.48
JAMESTOWN	1,551.00	164	9.46
JOHNSTON	1,143.00	1,402	0.82
LINCOLN	2,485.00	1,313	1.89
LITTLE COMPTON	536.00	109	4.92
MIDDLETOWN	3,180.00	1,198	2.65
NARRAGANSETT	620.00	479	1.29
NEW SHOREHAM	70.00	47	1.49
NEWPORT	13,802.00	1,133	12.18
NORTH KINGSTOWN	80.00	1,562	0.05
NORTH PROVIDENCE	2,535.00	1,488	1.70
NORTH SMITHFIELD	120.00	472	0.25
PAWTUCKET	53,209.50	6,456	8.24
PORTSMOUTH	2,376.00	780	3.05
PROVIDENCE	81,955.00	19,897	4.12
Rocky Hill School	205.00	199	1.03
EAST GREENWICH	3106.5	699	4.44
SCITUATE	2,001.00	544	3.68
SMITHFIELD	2,263.75	965	2.35
SOUTH KINGSTOWN	884.00	1,199	0.74
TIVERTON	2,200.00	1,956	1.12
WARWICK	4,290.00	3,479	1.23
WEST WARWICK	3,437.00	1,884	1.82
WESTERLY	720.00	1,364	0.53
WOONSOCKET	13,340.00	4,387	3.04
total	249,223.25		

For a detailed list of all RI Grown purchases by districts, including the name of the farm and kinds of produce purchased, please visit www.kidsfirstri.newfarm/htm and look for "2010 Purchases by District"