

# Rhode Island Grown – Farm to School Educational Programs



One hour classroom programs designed to familiarize students with RI Grown products, including apples, potatoes, lettuce and strawberries.



Students will have the opportunity to explore the different sensory aspects of RI grown produce, while recording their observations on a “tasting notes” worksheet.



Each lesson is designed to teach children about the nutritional value of the featured product as well as about all the benefits of supporting their Rhode Island farmers by purchasing RI grown.



Whenever possible, the programs include a visit by a RI farmer, who will share information with the children about their farm, the crops they grow, and agriculture in Rhode Island. Children will have the opportunity to ask the farmer questions. Students will be given information and a map showing the farms in their area and they will be encouraged to visit the farms.



Programs will be a coordinated effort with the schools’ food service. The featured RI grown produce will be served in the school meals program the week the program is presented if at all possible



Reinforcement opportunities include contests where the children enter their original art or poetry using the featured product or write an essay titled “What’s So Great About RI Grown?”. Prizes include visits to RI farms to pick strawberries or apples, Mr. Potato Head dolls and fun calendars featuring fruits and veggies.

