

VERMONT FARM TO SCHOOL Grant Program

Building a Culture of Change by Connecting Health, Education, and Agriculture in Schools

INVESTMENT

\$816,000 + **\$400,000** = **\$1,216,000**

state allocation
(FY07–FY15)

leveraged funds
(Federal and Foundation
support 2011–2015)

to integrate local foods in
school cafeterias, classrooms
and communities!

IMPACT



Program reached **96 schools**
(30% of schools)



Over **27,000 students**
experienced farm to school
grant funded activities

COLLABORATION



Technical assistance to schools from **VT FEED**
(a collaboration of **Shelburne Farms** and **NOFA Vermont**) and regional organizations



Fully integrated school teams; including
administration, food service staff, teachers,
parents, community members, and farmers

Impact of \$75,000 for 2013 Farm to School Grantees:

- ✓ FTS programs at 17 schools
- ✓ Over 6,200 students engaged
- ✓ 28 new farm partners
- ✓ Over 3,000 students tried new foods
- ✓ 16 schools engaged at school gardens
- ✓ Fresh and local foods accessed by students, 51% of whom qualify for free and reduced lunch
- ✓ 56 community members engaged in Farm to School technical assistance

SUSTAINABILITY OF FARM TO SCHOOL

- ▶ FTS grantees are 50% more likely to have a sustained FTS program.
- ▶ FTS grantees are 100% more likely to have paid staff and teachers trained in FTS.
- ▶ All grantees conducted more taste tests, used community volunteers, hosted festivals and other community events.