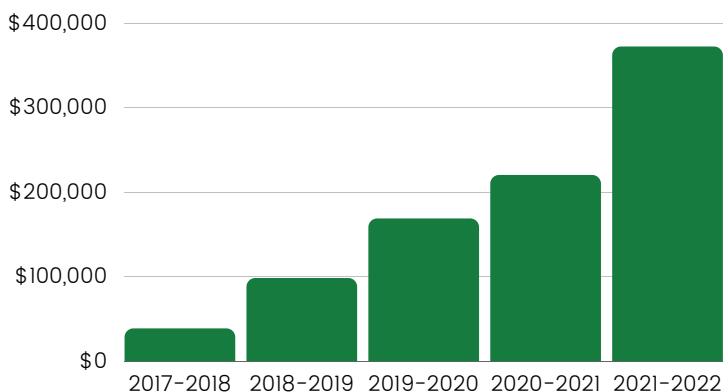


Feed Our Future is a cross-sector collaboration of organizations and individuals that work together to ensure that ALL children, regardless of their school district, have access to fresh, healthy, and when available local foods. A critical component to this work is making it as easy as possible for school districts to buy local foods within federal procurement policies and procedures.

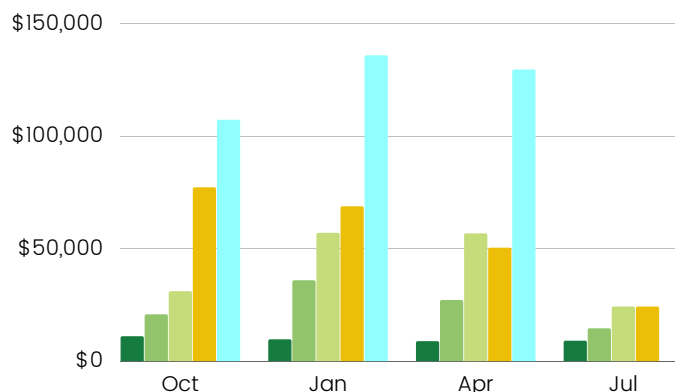
Since 2015, Feed Our Future and Ohio Schools Council have innovated a farm to school bid that supports local food procurement by school districts across Northeast Ohio. The bid focuses on fruits, vegetables, and value added products with local ingredients, and provides the infrastructure and opportunity needed by school districts to buy local foods.

Farm to School Bid At A Glance

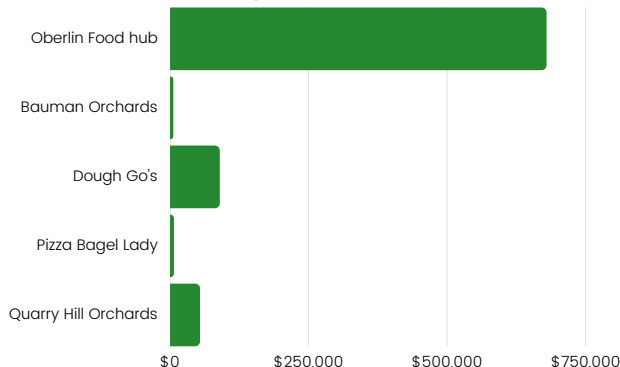
Local Food Spending By Year:



Local Food Sales by Quarter:



Local Food Sales by Vendor:



Total Spend:

\$898,600.00

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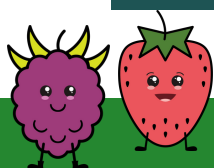
School Districts in Northeast Ohio purchasing local foods

Sales to Woman-Owned Farms and Food Businesses

53%

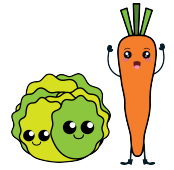
Sales to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color Farms and Food Businesses

10%



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SCHOOL DISTRICT	LOCAL SPENDING BY SCHOOL YEAR				SCHOOL DISTRICT PROFILE				
	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	TOTAL	FREE/ REDUCED PERCENTAGE	% AAPI	% BLACK	% HISPANIC	% WHITE
Parma City School District	\$58,392.00	\$145,104.00	\$315,958.00	\$519,454.00	51%	3.1%	6.7%	12.7%	72.9%
Plain Local	\$10,719.00	\$11,147.00	\$7,589.00	\$29,457.00	54%	0.8%	14.8%	3.3%	71.4%
Garfield Heights City School District	\$10,173.00	\$8,797.00	\$6,924.00	\$25,895.00	82.4%	0%	79.4%	2.7%	10.5%
Maple Heights City School District	\$18,058.00	\$1,812.00	\$2,252.00	\$22,123.00	98.4%	0%	90%	3.7%	2.0%
Jackson Local	\$1,548.00	\$4,767.00	\$14,846.00	\$21,161.00	16.4%	4.2%	2.3%	3.1%	85.1%
East Cleveland City School District	\$1,407.00	\$18,920.00	\$0.00	\$20,327.00	94.4%	0%	99.9%	0%	0%
Hudson City School District	\$7,870.00	\$0.00	\$8,363.00	\$16,233.00	4.19%	6.19%	1.6%	2.8%	85.7%
Bedford City School District	\$11,980.00	\$2,829.00	\$1,095.00	\$15,905.00	61.5%	0%	82.1%	4.6%	6.7%
Westlake City School District	\$10,930.00	\$419.00	\$3,219.00	\$14,568.00	17.8%	7.1%	2.3%	5.4%	79.5%
Avon Lake City School District	\$1,743.00	\$2,029.00	\$8,493.00	\$12,266.00	9.07%	2.1%	1.6%	3.6%	89.1%

Key Takeaways

- The pandemic benefitted and burdened local purchasing by school districts. We have a unique moment in time to recommit to farm to school as we emerge.
- Farm to school serves as a key strategy to advance equitable outcomes for children, producers and entrepreneurs on the basis of race, geography, and income.
- Significant opportunity exists to engage additional school districts, with a particular emphasis on large urban districts across the Northeast Ohio region.
- Key to fostering regional economic development and increased nutrition security will be increasing the capacity of school meal programs through investments in training and equipment, community partnerships, and strengthening the supply chain.

