

The logo for South Dakota Farm to School, featuring the words "South Dakota" in a white, cursive script font, positioned above the words "FARM to SCHOOL" in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. The background of the entire top section is a photograph of a young boy in a red shirt and blue backpack holding a green tray with a bottle of orange juice, a muffin, and an apple, standing in a lush green field with rolling hills and a farm in the distance.

FARM to SCHOOL

Why FARM to SCHOOL?

Healthy and local

Provides children access to local, nutrient-rich foods

Educational

Hands-on learning, visiting farms, and understanding where food comes from enhances classroom education

Financial

Buying local provides financial opportunity for farmers, ranchers, and food processors and creates jobs

Engaging

Building relationships with food producers and institutions that provide food strengthens the community and provides additional resources in times of need

South Dakota rules for purchased or donated local foods

Must follow procurement rules, food service code, USDA food safety and inspection services

Approved

- Fresh, whole, and unprocessed foods (ex: apples, watermelons, tomatoes, peppers)
- Processed foods that are graded or manufactured under inspection in a USDA or state-inspected facility
- Meats slaughtered and processed under inspection in a USDA or state-inspected facility
- Unpasteurized eggs with Egg Candler/Grader License and Egg Dealer License

Not Approved

- Raw milk and milk products
- Food processed and packed in a private home or an unlicensed food service establishment
- Meat labeled "not for sale"

List of state-inspected facilities available from the Animal Industry Board: <https://aib.sd.gov/meatinspection.html>

Where to find South Dakota food:

South Dakota local foods directories

- <https://sdspecialtyproducers.org/find-local-foods/>
- www.dakotarural.org/eatlocalfoods/local-foods-directory/

Resources:

SDSU Extension: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/what-farm-school-and-early-care-and-education>

Farm to School planning guides

- <https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2019-07/P-00089.pdf>
- <https://www.farmtoschool.org/resources>