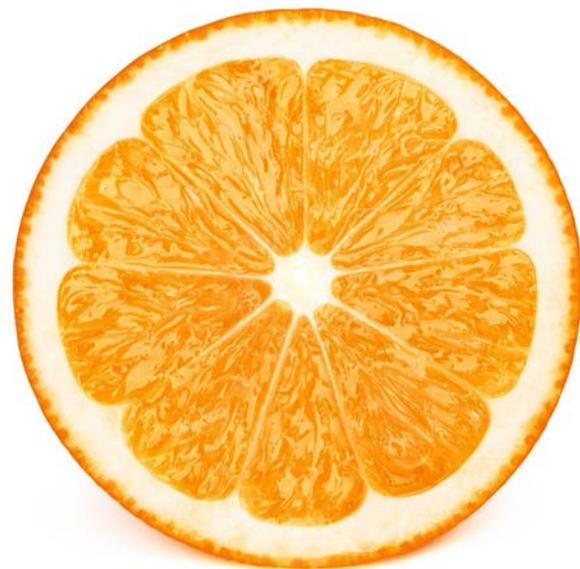


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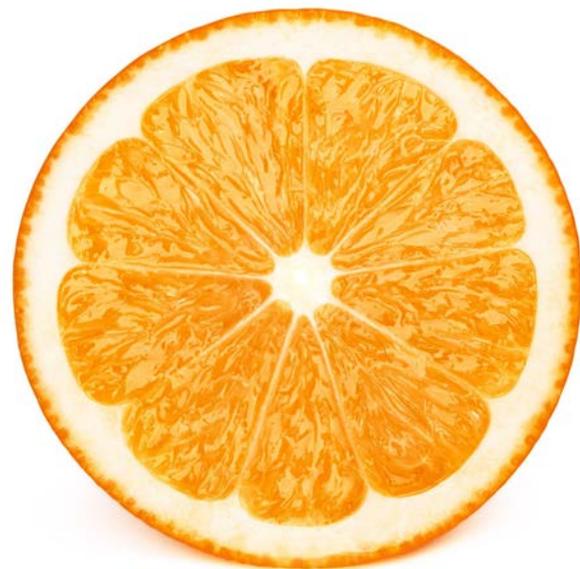
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Agenda

- Celebrating 10 Years of California Food for California Kids®
- School Food Recipes with California Fruits and Vegetables
- Farm to School Month Celebrations
- Guest Speaker: Cecilia Cengiz, Yeyi Organics
- Q + A
- Fruit and Vegetable Procurement Poll
- Regional Breakouts
- Resources
- Closing





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serve freshly prepared meals with California grown ingredients **every day**



1/2

of food served is **freshly prepared** and **California grown**



49%

serve produce grown on the **school garden** or **farm**



74%

offer student **taste tests** of menu items

School Food Recipes with California Fruits and Vegetables



Cucumber Melon Salad



Crispy Cauliflower



Chana Masala with Chutney



Mediterranean Veggie Lentil Bowl

Farm to School Celebrations



Turlock Unified School District



Alvord Unified School District



Napa Valley Unified School District



Elk Grove Unified School District



Santa Ana Unified School District



Western Placer Unified School District



Glendale Unified School District



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RIO SCHOOL DISTRICT



Ventura County Farm to School



Ventura County Farm to School



Fallbrook Union Elementary School District



San Francisco Unified School District



San Diego Unified School District



Fort Bragg Unified School District



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Guest Speaker Discussion:
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Q + A

Fruit and Vegetable Procurement Poll

Regional Breakouts

CA FARM TO SCHOOL NETWORK REGIONAL MAP

-  SUPERIOR REGION
-  NORTH COAST REGION
-  BAY AREA REGION
-  CENTRAL REGION
-  SAN JOAQUIN REGION
-  SOUTH COAST REGION
-  GREATER LOS ANGELES REGION
-  SOUTHERN REGION



Resources

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PUBLICATIONS

[California's Climate-Smart Farms Activities](#)

[California Food for California Kids Celebration Resources](#)

[Plan a Farmer Visit to Your School](#)

VIRTUAL EVENT

[Recipe Crediting Webinar: Wed, Feb 26 @ 2:00 p.m PT](#)

Join the California Food for California Kids Network

California Food for California Kids is an initiative of the Center for Ecoliteracy that builds the capacity and commitment of public school districts to provide all students with fresh, locally-grown school meals and develop connections between the cafeteria, classroom, and garden.



Help Shape School Nutrition Policy in California

The Center for Ecoliteracy advances policy solutions that transform TK–12 school food systems in California. As a school nutrition leader, we invite you to share your priorities for school nutrition policy in 2025.

Add Your Voice! Respond To The Survey:
bit.ly/2025PolicySurvey



Partner Organization Resources

CAFF

Cafeteria Signage
Bid Generator

CDFA

Office of Farm to Fork California Farm to School Program

National Farm to School Network

Farm to School Survey – *due Dec 16*

Wheat2School

Wheat2School Educators Online Training Workshop

Partner Organization Resources

KidsGardening

Youth Garden Grant – *due Dec 13*

USDA

Project SCALES (Supporting Community Agriculture and Local Education Systems) Grant – *due Dec 13*

Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program: FY 2025 Farm to School Grant RFAs Now Open – *due Jan 10*

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