



## 10 Cents a Meal for Michigan's Kids and Farms

### What is it?

- Competitive matching grant opportunity
- No additional purchases – you are already buying fruits, vegetables, and legumes for your meals just make it a Michigan one!
- Awarded grant amounts are based on past local purchasing - \$1,000 to \$50,000
- Awards are paid out in 10-cent increments for every meal served with local produce

### Who Can Apply?

- All school and non-school sponsors who participate in child nutrition programs. (NSLP/SSO, CACFP, SFSP)
- You must be the fiscal agent (receiving reimbursement directly from MDE, not through a sponsor)
- Eligible meals include breakfast, lunch, snack, and supper

### How do I Apply?

- Application: [Michigan Department of Education 2022 10 Cents a Meal Grant \(state.mi.us\)](https://state.mi.us)
- Instructions: [10 CENT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS 1.30.22.pdf](#)
- Help: [10 Cents a Meal for Michigan's Kids & Farms \(tencentsmichigan.org\)](https://tencentsmichigan.org)
- Dates: The application will be open from February 1, 2022 through February 11, 2022.

### How do I Purchase Local Fruits and Vegetables?

- Local produce can be purchased from broadline distributor, food hub, school garden, farm market, farmer's market, grocery store, DoD, commodities
- Fruits, vegetables, and legumes must be minimally processed.
  - Produce that is washed, cut, dried, and packaged are allowed.
  - Items that are canned, such as applesauce, are not allowed.

### How do I submit documents?

- Track Michigan-grown items from your invoices, or request a Michigan specific report from your distributor if available
- Upload the template with monthly purchase and meal data
- Specific upload instructions are still to be announced

### What else is required?

- Complete the quarterly surveys that tell us what you are doing and where you need help.
- Promote local produce through taste testing, posters, flyers, newsletters, guest speakers.
- Form partnerships with neighboring districts for procurement and resource support