



10 CENTS A MEAL FOR MICHIGAN'S KIDS & FARMS

This state program, which has received bipartisan support since 2016, provides matching funds to grant-winning schools to purchase Michigan-grown fruits, vegetables, and dry beans for school meals. So far, it has been in select pilot regions, but advocates hope for expansion statewide and to early childcare centers.



ECONOMY

- The program doubles the state's investment because schools match the grant with existing school food dollars, usually federal. Schools direct the dollars to purchase Michigan-grown fruits, vegetables, and dry beans—keeping money in Michigan's economy and ensuring a secure food supply.



AGRICULTURE

- In the last pilot year, schools purchased 93 different fruits, vegetables, and dry beans grown by 143 farms in 38 Michigan counties.



HEALTH

- Students tried 67 new fruits, vegetables, and dry beans that schools hadn't served to them before. Schools are where our children get up to two or even three meals a day— even if school is out for a crisis like COVID.



EDUCATION

- Farm to school activities enhance classroom education through hands-on learning about food, health, agriculture, and subjects like science and math.
- 10 Cents a Meal provides kids access to nutritious, high-quality, local food so they are ready to learn and grow.

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