

The Year in Farm To School

JAN.

APRIL

JULY

OCT.

DEC.

Seed ordering,
prepare for season

Peak summer harvest

Seeding for fall

Peak fall harvest



Winter break

Summer feeding

Farm to School Month

Winter break



Menu planning,
prepare for next school year

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When should I contact a school or farmer?



- 1 Farms typically order seeds in January **making this the most ideal time** to contact a farmer to let them know that you are interested in procuring produce for the coming school year. Schools menu plan for the next school year at this time if you are a farm wanting to reach out.
- 2 June and July are **also opportune times to contact** farmers as they start seeding their crops for the fall. Schools often feed students in the summer as well, so farmers can provide summer crops or host a field trip. Some menu planning may also take place in the summer.
- 3 If these dates are missed, try to ask during **peak harvest times** when farms are likely to have a surplus of produce available for school purchase without extensive previous planning.

Summer: Consider this time for summer programs OR ask about setting aside storage crops from early summer to use when school starts such as potatoes, onions, or squash.

Fall: Crops like sweet potatoes, carrots, salad greens, pumpkins, turnips radishes, and more. The first week of October is MS Farm to School Week!

For more information or further help connecting farms/schools contact the Mississippi Farm to School Network
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