

Iowa Farm to School Procurement Resources

General Information

National Farm to School Network:

<http://www.farmentoschool.org>

National Farm to School Network—Early Care:

<http://www.farmentoschool.org/our-work/early-care-and-education>

Menu Planning, Pricing and Ordering

Iowa Farm to School Local Purchase Report:

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/lsmiafts.pdf>

Iowa Farm to School Cycle Menu and Components (menu planning):

<http://iowafoodandfitness.org/site/cyclemenu.html>

Oklahoma Farm to School Produce Calculator:

<http://okfarmentoschool.com/growers-tools/tips-tools-and-guidelines-for-food-distribution-and-food-safety>

Checklist for Retail Purchasing of Local Produce:

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/12938>

Finding Local Food

Iowa Local Food Coordinators and Local Food Directories:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/localfoods/where-is-our-work>

Iowa Farm to School Directory: <https://www.idalsdata.org/fmnp/index.cfm>

Food Hubs in Iowa: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/localfoods/iowa-food-hub-directory>

Iowa CSA Farm Directory: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/localfoods/iowa-csa-directory>

Practical Farmers of Iowa Local Foods Directory:

<https://www.practicalfarmers.org/member-priorities/local-foods>

Visit Iowa Farms: <https://www.visitiowafarms.org>

Iowa Farmers Market Directory:

<http://www.idalsdata.org/fmnp/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.formFarmersMarketDirectory>

Iowa MarketMaker - <https://ia.foodmarketmaker.com>

For Farmers: Packing and Grading for Wholesale

Farmer and Buyer Toolkit for Wholesale Readiness

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/localfoods/farmer-buyer-toolkit-for-wholesale-readiness>

Grower's Manual for Wholesale Vegetable Production (describes packing and handling)

https://lib.dr.iastate.edu/leopold_pubspapers/80

Wholesale Success: A Farmer's Guide to Food Safety, Selling, Postharvest Handling, and Packing Produce

<http://www.familyfarmed.org/publications/wholesalesuccess>

Other Resources

Wisconsin Farm to School Toolkits: <https://www.cias.wisc.edu/toolkits>

Wisconsin Chop Chop Videos: <https://www.cias.wisc.edu/chopchop>

Iowa Local Food Day, annually on October 11: www.iowalocalfoodday.org

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