Program Highlight:

Farm to School & Early Care

The Local Foods Program at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is a key partner in many farm to school and farm to early care programs throughout Iowa. Here are a few examples:

♦ We are the official Iowa core partner of the National Farm to School Network. We work with various organizations including the Iowa Department of Public Health to build capacity and support for the expansion of farm to school and farm to early care and education efforts in Iowa.

♦ We partner with the Northeast Iowa Food and Fitness Initiative and Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children to explore ways that farm to school activities can be used in early care and education environments across the state of Iowa.

♦ Team member Teresa Wiemerslage in northeast Iowa has written a series of free, downloadable publications to help school districts and childcare centers incorporate farm to school activities into their curricula, including the Cafeteria Coaching Toolkit and Make Food Safety a Priority in Your School Garden.

Visit our website for these resources and more information. Contacts: leheuss@iastate.edu and wiemer@iastate.edu.

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