



## USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack: Farm to School Programs Create New Opportunities for Farmers, Kids

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At USDA we're transforming school food and creating a healthier next generation. We're happy to celebrate in October, but we're going to be cheering for schools with farm to school programs all year long. When students have experiences such as tending a school garden or visiting a farm, they're more likely to make healthy choices in the cafeteria. I see the change every time I visit a cafeteria; students light up when meeting their farmer. They are piling their trays full of healthy foods, they are learning healthy habits that they will carry with them for life, and they are learning an appreciation for the American farmer that they will carry with them their entire lives.