

## Poster Abstract

# Impacts of California Farm to School Programs

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Farm-to-school programs are expanding rapidly across the country, particularly in California. This emerging approach offers regional farmers a new institutional market for their products and school children access to fresh, local, seasonal produce in their school cafeterias. Cooperative Extension has been an important partner in bringing these programs to fruition and enhancing their effectiveness. This poster will highlight the efforts and impacts of three very different farm-to-school programs in Northern California—the Davis Farm to School Program, the Humboldt County Farm to School Program and the Marin County Farm to School Program. Davis has a multi-faceted program in which more than 50% of the district's produce was purchased from local growers in 2004/2005. Humboldt County recently developed a coordinated approach to purchasing local farm products for multiple school districts. Marin's program features gleaned and donated organic foods in schools throughout the county.

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