

MONTANA
SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS
School Year 2022-2023



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Fueling Montana Students



— **39.52%** —

OF MONTANA STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR FREE
OR REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS



19.5 MILLION
MEALS IN 2023



94%

of schools that offer lunch
also **OFFER BREAKFAST**



167

SCHOOLS OFFER FREE MEALS
TO ALL STUDENTS THROUGH
THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY
PROVISION (CEP)



\$57,997,439

REVENUE TO MONTANA
SCHOOLS

In school year 2022-2023, the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) School Nutrition Programs (SNP) administered U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child Nutrition Programs:

- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- School Breakfast Program (SBP)
- Afterschool Snack Program (ASP)
- Special Milk Program (SMP)
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- USDA Food Distribution Program (USDA Foods)
- DOD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (DOD Fresh)
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)
- Montana Team Nutrition Program, including Farm to School

School Nutrition Programs reimburses schools, distributes USDA Foods for meals served to children, teaches workshops for school personnel, ensures that schools implement federal regulations, and provides nutrition education for students.

VISION

Local school nutrition program professionals are empowered as community leaders to provide equitable access to healthy food and environments that support the success of Montana’s children.

MISSION

OPI’s School Nutrition Programs collaborate with the child nutrition community to provide high-quality training, support, and resources to ensure program integrity and access to nourishing meals.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- We develop and maintain strong partnerships to collaborate on realistic, community driven solutions.
- We value self-efficacy as a desired outcome of all training and technical assistance activities.
- We empower and recognize the vital role of Montana's child nutrition professionals in ensuring children’s health and academic success.
- We are committed to ensuring all communities have the resources they need to succeed.
- We are committed to creating a strong and inclusive culture of school wellness to support academic success and wellbeing.
- We are invested in promoting local and sustainable food sources, procurement, and practices.
- We are dedicated to providing exceptional customer service to schools, sponsors, and community partners.
- We are responsive and adaptable to changing circumstances.
- We value continuous learning and invest in ongoing professional development.
- We use data and evidence-based practices in decision making and operations management.
- We operate transparently and effectively as stewards of public resources.

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— Training —

REGIONAL OPI AND TEAM NUTRITION STAFF

OPI School Nutrition Programs and Team Nutrition have staff located around the state to better serve Montana's rural areas.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

80 hours of continuing education provided by OPI School Nutrition Programs

- MT School Nutrition Association Conference (MTSNA)
- SNP Fall Workshops (in-person and online)
- Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)
- Webinars

59 hours of continuing education provided by MT Team Nutrition Program

- Montana School Meals Certificate
- Webinars

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MT TEAM NUTRITION

Montana School Meals Certificate training provided 40 hours of comprehensive professional development training in-person and virtually. Topics included meal pattern components, weekly dietary specifications, and strategies to achieve compliance with USDA rules through training on food preparation techniques, recipe standardization and crediting, school food forecasting, and procurement. Substantial mini-grant funds (ranging from \$5000 to \$7500) to support staff bonuses, staff or substitute pay, travel costs, food for student taste tests, equipment, supplies, and marketing materials



— Grants —

\$6,464,345 Total Grant Funds to Montana Schools

EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS

\$190,945 (\$60,153 Consolidated Appropriations Act and \$130,792 additional ARPA)

- **27 capital equipment grants totaling \$190,945 were awarded to local schools by the OPI**

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, distributed \$30 million to state agencies to competitively award Equipment Assistance Grants to eligible school food authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Montana was awarded \$60,153. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) continues to recognize the challenges facing schools nationwide of higher food prices and supply chain disruptions. To further mitigate these challenges and support schools, the USDA provided an additional \$50 million in Equipment Assistance Grant funding provided by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Montana was awarded \$130,792. The additional funding will support school food authorities (SFAs) in providing healthy and appealing meals by meeting vital food service equipment needs.

SUPPLY CHAIN ASSISTANCE GRANTS

\$5,170,419

- **Round 2 SCA Funds \$3,141,432 Distributed to 249 Districts December 2022**
- **Round 3 SCA Funds \$2,028,987 Distributed to 249 Districts March 2023**

To assist school districts experiencing supply chain disruptions, Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Charter Act [15 U.S.C. 714] funds were distributed to State agencies to distribute to eligible School Food Authorities (SFAs) for the purchase of unprocessed or minimally processed domestic food product. SCA funds will help SFAs deal with supply chain challenges, increased food prices, and help strengthen local food supply chains.

LOCAL FOOD FOR SCHOOLS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

November 2022—July 2024

\$727,981 Funds Distributed to 41 Districts

Section 5(c) of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 USC 714c(c)) Funds provided for the purpose of purchasing domestic, locally grown foods from local producers, small businesses, and socially disadvantaged farmers/producers for distribution to schools.



— Grants —

FARM TO SCHOOL STATE FORMULA GRANT **September 2022—September 2026** **\$682,693**

Section 1001 of the American Rescue Plan Act (Public Law 117-2)
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to State agencies administering the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) to improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency (supply chain resiliency). The funds support State agency efforts to coordinate and provide technical assistance to build and increase the capacity of participating institutions to procure and use local foods in program meals as well as provide agricultural education opportunities for participating children.

FY 2023 TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION GRANT (nTIG) **September 2023—September 2025** **\$373,134**

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103)
Funds provided to State agencies for the purposes of developing, improving, and maintaining automated information technology systems used to operate and manage all Child Nutrition (CN) Programs.

FY 2021 TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION GRANT **September 2021—September 2024** **\$1,890,997**

Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-94) and Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260)
State funding for the purposes of developing, improving, and maintaining automated information technology systems use to operate and manage all Child Nutrition (CN) Programs.

FY 2022 Team Nutrition Training Grant **\$925,585**

Public Law 111–296, which amended Section 19 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966
As authorized under Section 6(a)(3) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 USC 1755(a)(3), FNS provides Team Nutrition Training Grants to support training and technical assistance for School Nutrition Professionals, nutrition education for students and their caregivers, and activities to build a healthy school nutrition environment.

MT School Meals Certificate (MSMC) Training Program Subgrants **50 subgrants totaling \$375,000 awarded to local schools**

MSMC Training Program Track A \$172,500 distributed to 23 districts March 2023
MSMC Training Program Track B \$202,500 distributed to 27 districts May 2023

Federal Meal Reimbursement Rates

The 2022-2023 School Year reimbursement rates included an additional 40 cents per school lunch and 15 cents per school breakfast meal provided under the Keep Kids Fed Act of 2022 (Pub. L. 117-158). The reimbursement rates shown in the chart below include the additional adjustment to the base rate for School Year 2022-2023. Overall the base rate either remained the same or increased 7.40% from the previous year.

**SY 2022-2023 School Nutrition Programs Reimbursement Rates
Effective July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

School Breakfast Program	Non-severe Need		Severe Need	
Paid	0.50		0.50	
Reduced Price	1.96		2.37	
Free	2.26		2.67	
National School Lunch Program	Less than 60%	Less than 60% + 8 cents	60% or more	60% or more
Paid	0.77	0.85	0.79	0.87
Reduced Price	3.93	4.01	3.95	4.03
Free	4.33	4.41	4.35	4.43
Afterschool Snack Program				
Paid	0.09			
Reduced Price	0.54			
Free	1.08			
Special Milk Program	All Milk	Paid Milk	Free Milk	
Pricing Programs without Free Option	0.2700	N/A	N/A	
Pricing Programs with Free Option	N/A	0.2700	Average cost per ½ pint of milk	
Non-pricing Programs	0.2700	N/A	N/A	

The 2023 Summer Food Service Program reimbursement rates shown in the chart below include an overall adjustment to the base rate which increased 8.5% from the previous year.

Summer 2023 Reimbursement Rates		
Meal Type	Rural or Self-Prep	Urban or Vended
Breakfast	2.8250	2.7725
Lunch or Dinner	4.9500	4.8700
Snack	1.1675	1.1400

SY 2022-23 PROGRAMS

	MEALS/SNACKS	REIMBURSEMENT / ENTITLEMENT
School Breakfast Program	6,128,427	\$11,912,582
National School Lunch Program	12,100,295	\$33,620,527
Afterschool Snack Program	282,217	\$266,249
Special Milk Program	36,782	\$10,250
Summer Food Service Program	951,303	\$3,784,674
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	—	\$3,199,911
USDA Foods Entitlement & DOD Fresh	—	\$5,203,247
Total Grant Funds to MT Districts	—	\$6,464,345
Totals	19,499,024	64,461,784



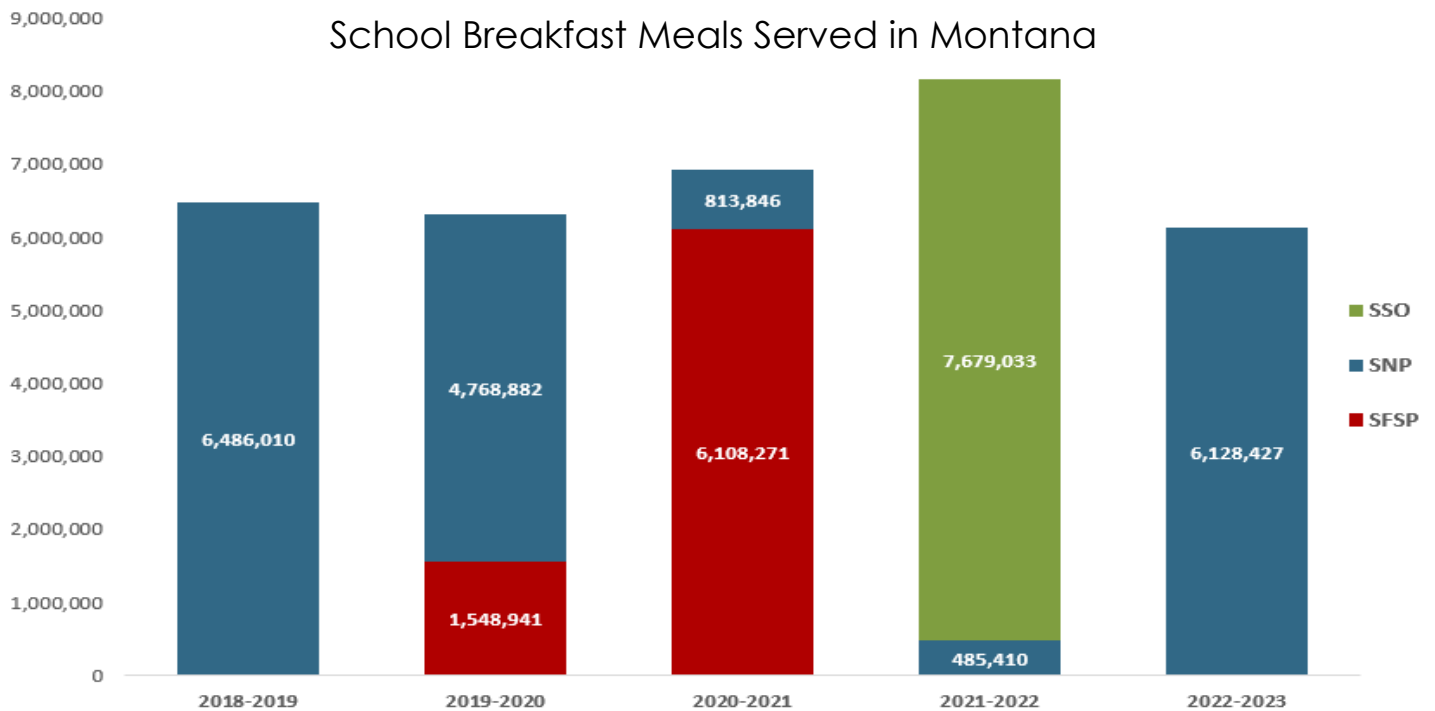
SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The School Breakfast Program (SBP) provides low-cost or free breakfasts to children to help start the school day right with a healthy breakfast.

The School Breakfast Program provides reimbursement to states to operate nonprofit breakfast programs in schools and residential childcare institutions. The Food and Nutrition Service administers the SBP at the federal level. State education agencies administer the SBP at the state level, and local school food authorities operate the program in schools.



68%
of Breakfast Meals
are Served to Free
& Reduced Eligible
Students



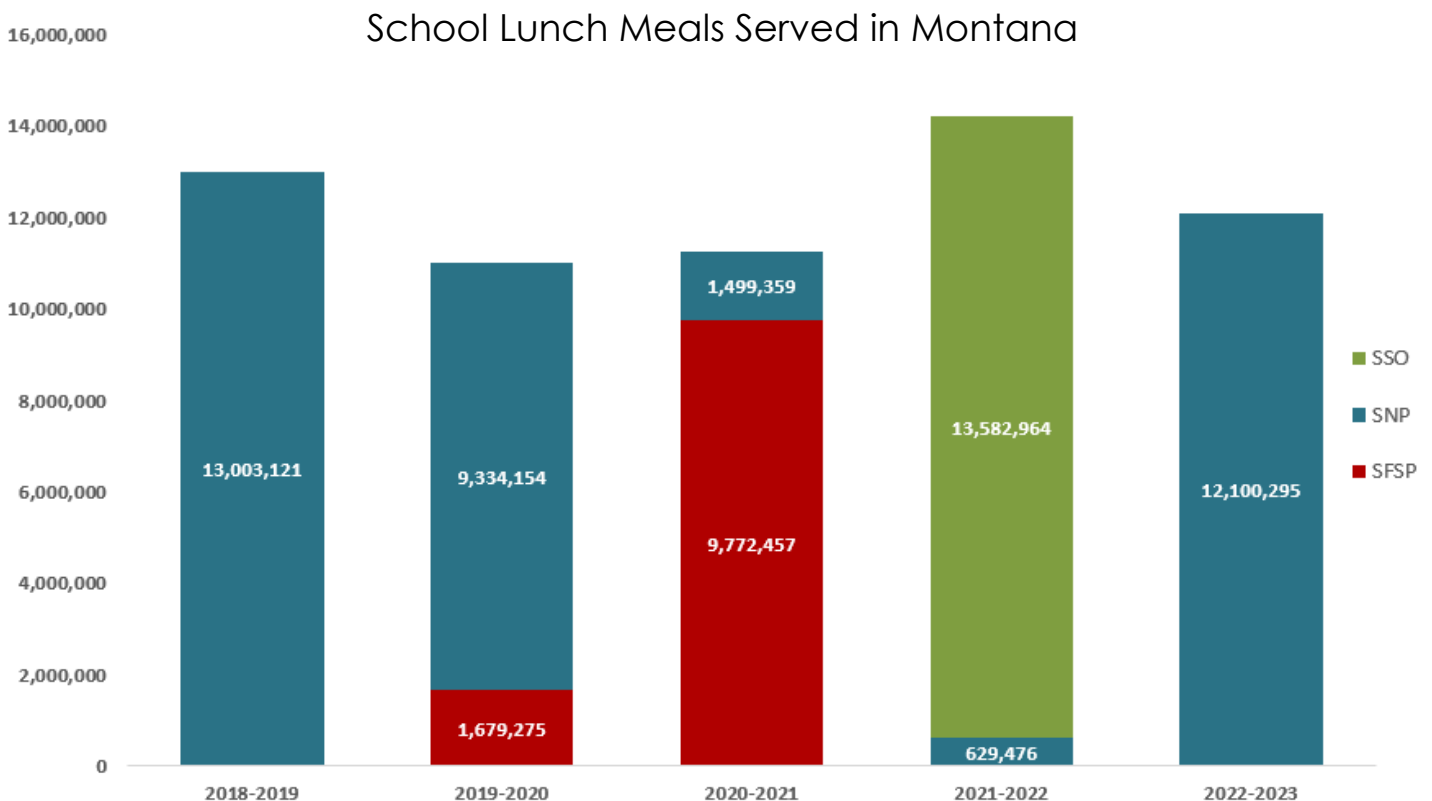
35,040

STUDENTS EAT BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL EACH DAY

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is a federally assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential child care institutions. It provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children each school day. The program was established under the National School Lunch Act, signed by President Harry Truman in 1946.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) administers the Program at the Federal level. At the State level, the NSLP is administered by State agencies, which operate the Program through agreements with school food authorities.



69,420

STUDENTS EAT LUNCH AT SCHOOL EACH DAY

FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLE PROGRAM

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) provides funds to elementary schools for fresh fruit and vegetable snacks during the school day.

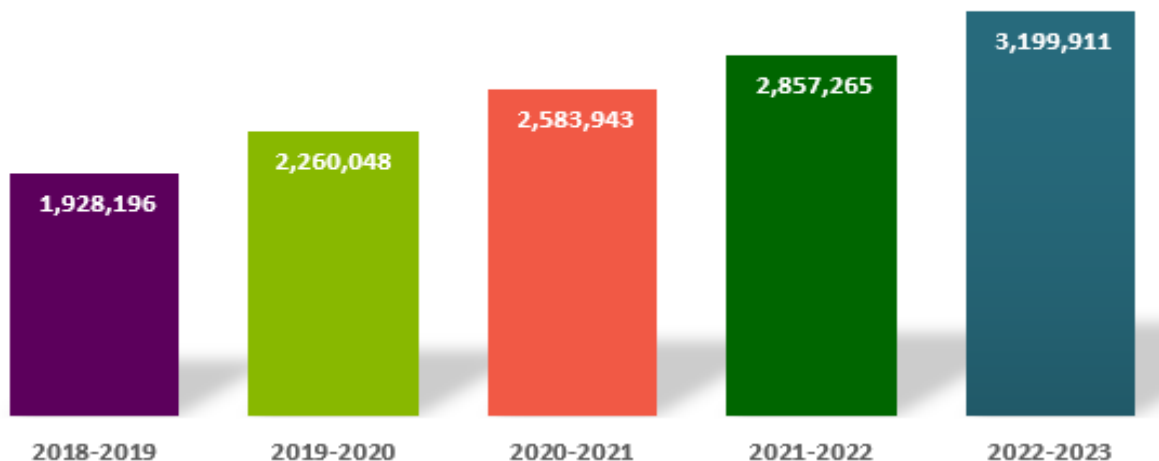


\$80.35
ALLOTMENT PER STUDENT

167

Schools Participated in FFVP

FFVP Allocation by School Year



31,295

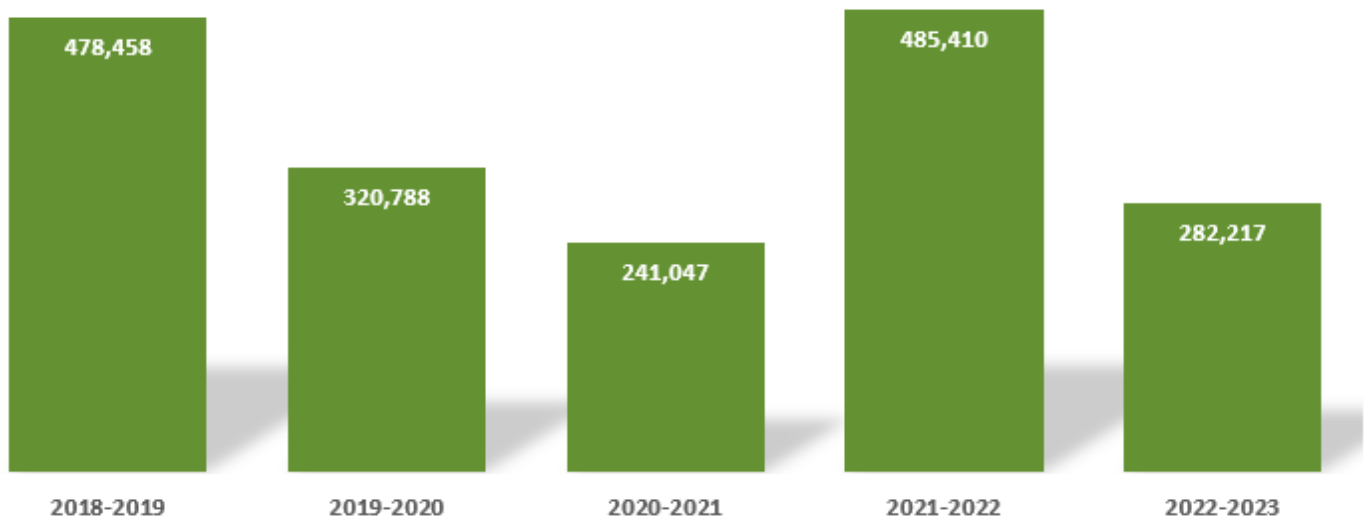
STUDENTS HAD ACCESS TO FFVP

AFTERSCHOOL SNACK PROGRAM

The Afterschool Snack Program provides snacks to students in education and enrichment activities after school.



Total Snacks Served



1,893

STUDENTS EAT A SNACK AFTER SCHOOL EACH DAY

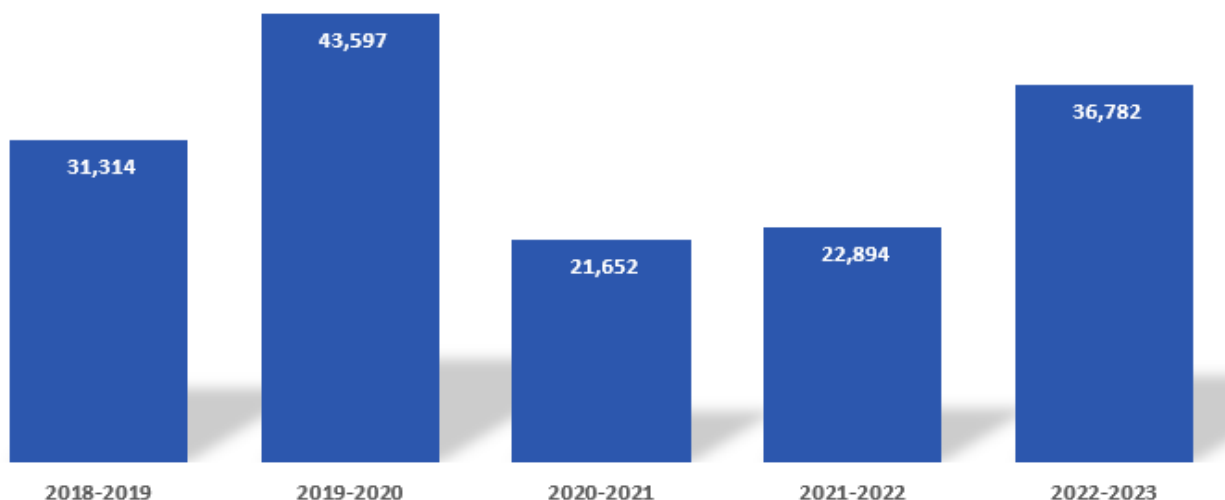
SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM

The Special Milk Program provides reimbursement for milk served at schools that do not offer the National School Lunch Program or Summer Food Service Program.



The Special Milk Program operates at 11 small schools/summer camps that do NOT offer breakfast or lunch to students.

Total Pints of Milk Served



143

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM EACH DAY

USDA FOODS and DOD FRESH

The USDA provides schools with USDA Foods and Department of Defense (DOD) Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for use in preparing school meals.

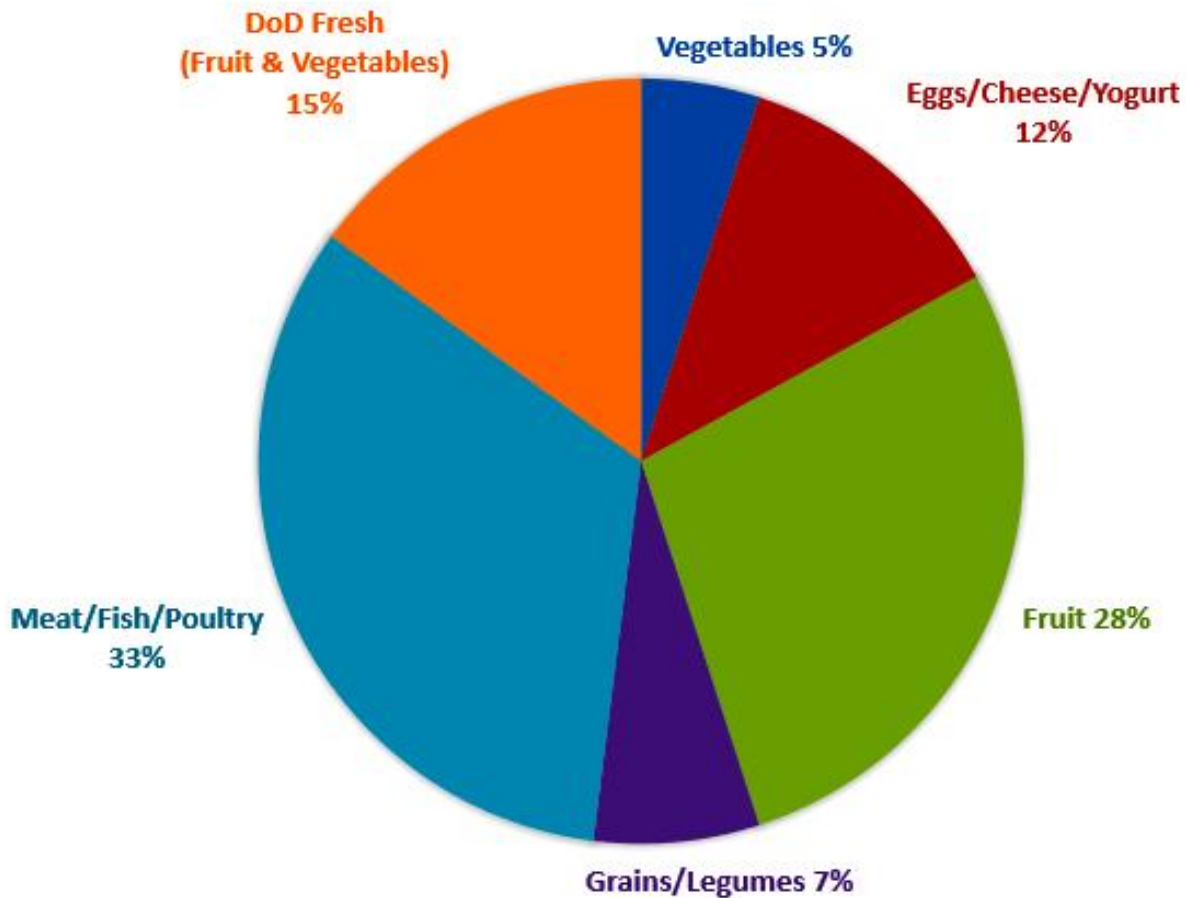
100%
of foods offered through
USDA Foods/DOD Fresh are
AMERICAN GROWN

\$5.2 MILLION
ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOLS

Veggie Cups @ Great Falls Public Schools

Did You Know....
On an average school day, USDA Foods make up between 15 and 20 percent of the total products served

Schools Received **\$784,850** in fresh produce through USDA DoD Fresh.



MONTANA MARINARA



**BUILDING COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR
HEALTHY AND LOCAL MONTANA LUNCHES**

**MONTANA OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
MISSION WEST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS
NORTHWEST FOOD HUB NETWORK**

WHAT IS MONTANA MARINARA?

Montana Marinara is the first in a line of locally sourced value-added products designed with schools in mind. By working together, we leverage each other's strengths, support hard-working Montana farmers, and expand access to affordable local food for schools.



MT OPI diverts USDA Foods canned diced tomatoes to Mission Mountain Food Enterprise Center (MMFEC) in Ronan, MT.

MMFEC sources Montana-grown carrots, onions, squash, and safflower oil from the Western Montana Growers Cooperative and the Northwest Food Hub Network.



MMFEC processing staff combine USDA tomatoes and local veggies to create a veggie-packed, cost-conscious marinara sauce!

Montana Marinara is packaged and shipped to MT OPI in Helena, where it is staged to ship with USDA Foods deliveries.



MT OPI delivers Montana Marinara to schools all over the state, where it is served to students in all kinds of dishes! Meatball subs, tomato soups, chili, pasta, and so many other delicious creations have been made by talented food service staff with Montana Marinara.

BY THE NUMBERS

In SY 2022-2023 and SY 2023-2024:

2406

Number of Montana Marinara cases distributed to schools

181

Number of SFAs that ordered Montana Marinara

182,851

Number of Montana Marinara servings distributed

22,426

Pounds of local ingredients used

134

Average miles traveled from MT source farm to processing facility

\$24,538

Dollar value of local ingredients

"I believe combining both local products and USDA Commodities is a very exciting opportunity for our state to potentially offer more locally sourced and processed items for school food service programs...The marinara is a really great product!"

-Ed Christensen, Food Services Supervisor, Missoula County Public Schools

Project funding provided by USDA Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program, Share Our Strength No Kid Hungry Campaign, and Montana Office of Public Instruction. For more information: anne.hamey@missionwestcdp.org

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

The Summer Food Service Program provides free meals to all kids, age 18 and under, during the summer months.



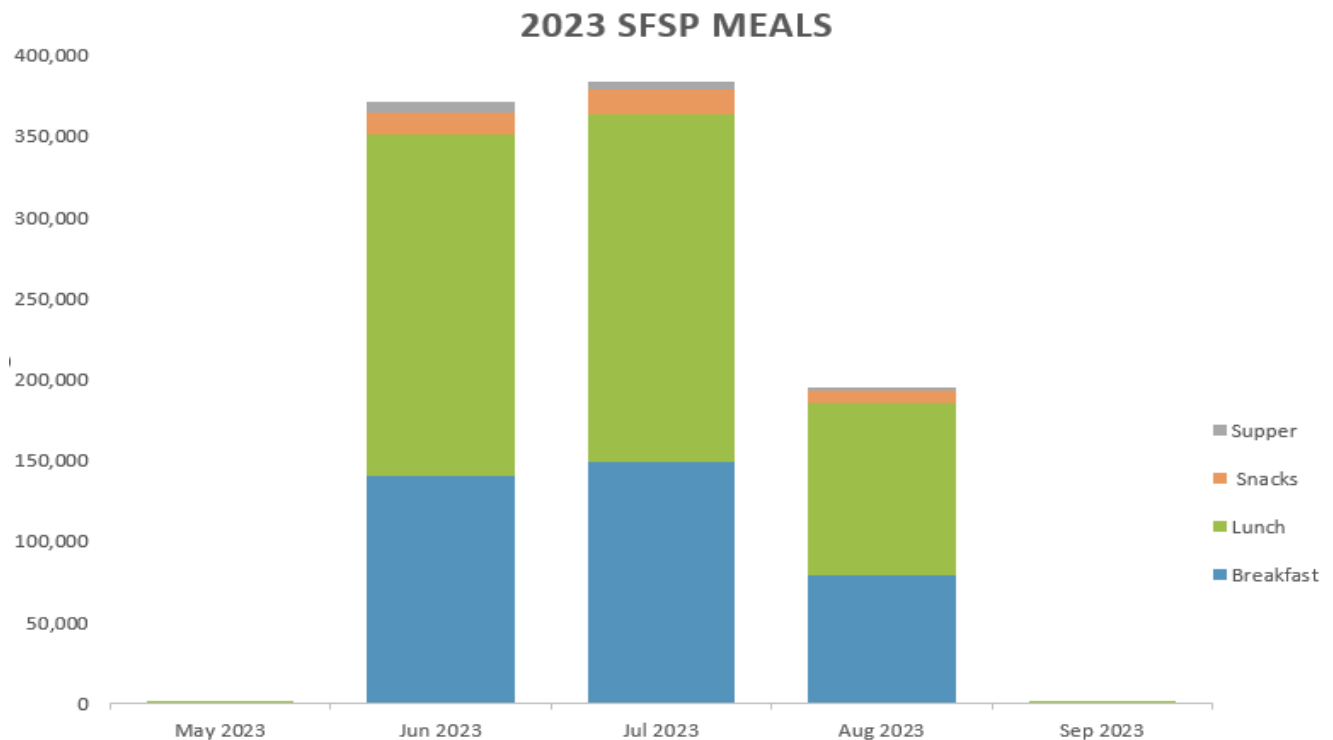
27% Increase from Prior Year

24,139 Meals Served Daily

2023 NEW RURAL NON-CONGREGATE MEAL SERVICE

105 Non-Congregate Sites

461,413 Non-Congregate Meals Served (48.5% of Total Meals)



99 Sponsors at 253 Sites



Montana Team Nutrition Annual Report: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Annual Report for School Year 2022 - 2023

The 2022–2023 school year began with over half of Montana schools seeing a significant turnover in School Food Director positions and staff shortages. Team Nutrition provided essential basic training on school meals and extra support to schools which: 1) had a new School Food Service Director in the previous 3 years; 2) are in rural areas; 3) serve a 40% or higher free/reduced eligibility student enrollment; and 4) are on/near American Indian Reservations. Montana Team Nutrition (MTN), with support from the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) School Nutrition Programs and Montana State University, is proud to support school food service directors and their staff across this large state.

MONTANA TEAM NUTRITION OUTREACH OUTCOMES

59

Hours of training offered to school nutrition professionals

123

Number of school districts reached

31

Number of training opportunities offered

49%

Percent of School Food Authorities in Montana reached

Montana School Meals Certificate Program

The 2022 Team Nutrition Grant supported the development of the Montana School Meals Certificate (MSMC) Program. A total of 140 school nutrition professionals from 50 school districts enrolled in this free, easy to access, comprehensive professional development training. MTN-affiliated trainings reached 123 school districts through 10 in-person trainings, 18 webinar-based trainings and 4 online courses. MSMC schools received a \$7500 subgrant to purchase needed equipment for their school meals program. Participants built knowledge and confidence towards managing an effective program and serving fresh, nutritious, tasty meals.



Knife skills training at Sun River Valley School District

Learn More

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The Montana Team Nutrition Program works in close collaboration with the Office of Public Instruction School Nutrition Programs and is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Team Nutrition Training Grant Program. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Supporting From-Scratch Cooking

Schools received state-wide support to enhance from-scratch cooking through targeted training topics which build scratch cooking skills (Dietary Guidelines for Americans, Standardized Recipes, Forecasting and Inventory, Menu Planning, Meeting the USDA Meal Patterns, Making the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice, Sensational Salad Bars, Reducing Sodium and Serving More Whole Grains); identifying purchasing avenues for local foods; and referrals to Montana School Food Service peer educators who offer individualized technical assistance. Professional Chefs provided engaging hands-on knife skills trainings to schools, boosting motivation to cook from scratch.



Kate Huston, Food Service Director at Anderson School, serves lasagna made with Montana Marinara.

Montana Farm to School

Montana Team Nutrition and the Office of Public Instruction provide farm to school leadership across Montana. MTN recently hired a new Co-Director and Farm to School Coordinator, Jay Stagg. Jay facilitates the Montana Farm to School Leadership Team, sponsored by the Office of Public Instruction. Connecting schools with local food producers to make direct purchases is an ongoing priority. Montana schools, early education and childcare centers, hospitals, food banks and grocery stores can use the Montana Harvest of the Month Program to help kids eat healthy, connect with agriculture and nutrition through education, support Montana farms and food producers, augment local economies, and strengthen communities.

Better Together

We are proud to work with Child Nutrition Professionals throughout our state to improve the health of Montana students through access to healthy school meals and nutrition education. The work we do would not be possible without the willingness of Montana School Food Service staff to try new programs. We learn from them, then pass that knowledge on to others. Thank you to all the schools and groups that partner with us!

A look at the difference Team Nutrition is making (left to right): Montana food producers and School Nutrition Professionals network at the Montana Food for Montana Schools event in Hardin, Montana. A taste test of Montana Marinara, a product made in state with local ingredients, is offered at Anderson School, Bozeman, MT.



WHAT

What is farm to school?

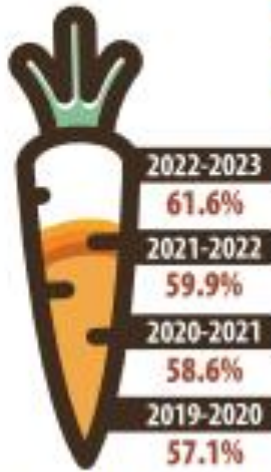
Farm to school enriches the connection communities have with fresh, healthy food and local food producers by influencing food purchasing and education practices at K-12 schools and preschools. Students gain access to healthy, local foods as well as education opportunities through such avenues as school gardening, cooking lessons, and farm field trips. Through community-driven approaches, farm to school implementation differs by location but always includes one or more of the following core elements: procurement, education, and school gardens.

WHY

Why does farm to school matter?

Farm to school not only connects kids with locally grown food and food and nutrition education, but it helps foster resilient food systems. COVID-19 has highlighted the need for farm to school to solve food supply issues and support the local economy.

Farm to School Participation Rates



OVERALL PARTICIPATION

Sites participating in at least one F2S activity

53.1%
PROCUREMENT

Serving local products in school meals



21.7%
SCHOOL GARDENS

Creating and tending school gardens

24.4%
EDUCATION

Conducting educational activities



68%

of students ate vegetables one or more times per day in the past seven days, according to the 2022 Montana Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

28,410

An estimated **12%** of Montana children faced food insecurity in 2022, meaning they may not know how they will get their next meal.

56%

of Montana students are eligible for free and reduced-price meals. Data is a 5-year average for most recent and available school years.



Agriculture remains the leading industry sector in Montana's economy, with a value of

\$4.0 billion

in 2021. By connecting children with agriculture and exposing them to agricultural careers, farm to school initiatives are helping to prepare the next generation of farmers.

Montana Farm to School Leadership Team

The Montana Farm to School Leadership Team works through partnerships across the state to build farm to school initiatives that help kids eat healthy, connect with agriculture and nutrition through education, support Montana farmers and food producers, foster economic vitality, and strengthen communities.

The Leadership Team consists of 15 member organizations with statewide focus and influence that are key to the success of farm to school in

Montana. The team has 7 working groups, 5 of which are open to the public. These meetings are a way for the Leadership Team to share updates, facilitate connections, gather input, and uplift local farm to school stories. To get involved, register for an upcoming meeting and/or contact the working group chair listed on the Leadership Team webpage. The Office of Public Instruction sponsors the Montana Farm to School Leadership Team. The team is facilitated by the Montana Farm to School Coordinator at Montana Team Nutrition Program.

2023 Member Organizations

- AERO
- Mission West Community Development Partners
- Montana Agriculture in the Classroom
- Montana Department of Agriculture
- Montana Department of Livestock
- Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services
- Montana Farmers Union
- Montana No Kid Hungry
- Montana Office of Public Instruction
- Montana School Nutrition Association
- Montana Team Nutrition Program, Montana State University
- Montana State University Extension
- National Center for Appropriate Technology
- Northern Plains Resource Council
- USDA Office of Community Food Systems, Mountain Plains Region

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Montana Harvest of the Month

Each month, participating sites focus on promoting one locally grown item (e.g., lentils) by serving it in at least one meal or snack, offering taste tests, conducting educational activities, and displaying or distributing Harvest of the Month (HOM) materials.

Herbs were featured as the newest Harvest of the Month item with Potatoes coming up next! Bison was a popular topic featured in past HOM handouts. A special team was formed to create the Buffalo materials which include Native knowledge, cultural information, and languages in order to be as inclusive as possible when promoting it in our outreach to schools.



In school year 2022-2023



registered schools and afterschool programs

21,721

children reached at K-12 and Early Care + Education sites



registered early care and education sites

130

local food producers sold to sites



\$304,721

local foods purchased (not including fluid milk for K-12)

Training + Resources

There are many ways to learn about farm to school and access resources! Montana Farm to School hosts farm to school webinars and in-person trainings as well as an archive of previous trainings on the Montana Farm to School website.

This year, The Montana Farm to School Summit is being held in conjunction with the MT School Nutrition Association conference. This event, June 25 – 27, will include focus topics like Local Procurement, School Gardens, and F2S Education in the classroom. There will also be a focus on Local Producers at the Vendor show.

12

Trainings in 2022-2023

28+

Hours of events

SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

@montanafarmtoschool
1,500 followers

@mtfarmtoschool
1,438 followers

Montana Harvest of the Month
2,892 views

Celebrating Farm to School Month

Montana Crunch Time is a statewide event to celebrate National Farm to School Month and 'buy local' initiatives in Montana by crunching into locally and regionally grown apples on a designated day in October.



people participated in Montana Crunch Time 2023

MAKING MONTANA MARINARA

Montana Marinara is a new product developed in partnership with Montana Office of Public Instruction, Mission West Community Development Partners, and Northwest Food Hub. It enhances USDA Foods tomatoes with local veggies and herbs to create a kid-friendly, versatile, and affordable product. Schools across Montana sampled the sauce with their students in delicious meals from meatball subs to manicotti and beyond!



Mission West Community Development Partners

GET INVOLVED + CONTACT

Website

Find resources and information at:
www.montana.edu/mtfarmtoschool

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Map the Meal Gap: Child Food Insecurity 2022, Feeding America

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Montana Harvest of the Month Participation 2022-2023, Montana Team Nutrition Program

Montana Farm to School Professional Development and Technical Assistance Tracker 2022-2023, Montana Team Nutrition

Montana Crunch Time Participation 2023, Montana Team Nutrition





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