

## **FARM TO EVERYTHING!**

A Quarterly Newsletter from the NJDA Farm to School Team

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#### 2018 Fall Newsletter

# October is National Farm to School Month!

Schools across the entire country are digging in, cooking, tasting, learning and embracing FARM TO SCHOOL activities this month to celebrate NATIONAL FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH! We had a warm up here in the Garden State as we just finished celebrations for Jersey Fresh Farm to School Week.

Check out our <u>Facebook page</u> to see what went on.

The <u>USDA Farm to School</u>
<u>Program</u> just announced the latest round of Farm to School Grants. Information about the grant is available at grants.gov with links to webinars that will help you plan for the RFA. Click here to learn more.

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# First Farmer Recognition Award Presented to Terhune Orchards

The New Jersey Department of Agriculture and Secretary Doug Fisher presented the Mount Family, owners of Terhune Orchards in Mercer County, with the first ever Jersey Fresh Farm to School Farmer Recognition Award on September 24th during Jersey Fresh Farm to School Week.

<u>Click here</u> to learn why Terhune was chosen and to see the list of farms recognized for their Farm to School efforts.



# Growing, Cooking, Serving



#### **FARM TO SCHOOL:**

The 2018 Jersey Fresh "Best in New Jersey" Farm to School Award was presented to Hopewell Elementary School on September 24th during Jersey Fresh Farm to School Week. Students and teachers were celebrating Farm to School with farmer visits and hands-on activities

that highlighted local foods with chefs. <u>Click here</u> to learn more about all the schools that were recognized.



JERSEY FRESH Farm to Summer

#### **FARM TO SUMMER:**

The NJDA Summer Food Service Program wrapped up at the end of August and programs are finalizing their documentation and assessing successes. Reach out to us to plan for next year and to bring Farm to Summer to your program.

Click here to see proactive ideas for your SFSP program this fall and to start planning for 2019.



#### **FARM TO PRESCHOOL:**

Apples are our <u>Jersey Tastes</u> fruit of the month and there are so many ways preschoolers can experience the deliciousness of New Jersey apples. Download our printable <u>Jersey Tastes Apples flyer</u>, taste test <u>stickers</u> and two-sided "<u>Fun Facts</u>" doc for some classroom fun.



# We want to hear from you!

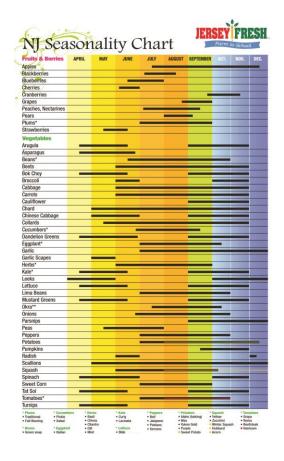
Tell us what you did during *Jersey Fresh Farm to School Week* and if you're celebrating *Jersey Tastes!* with local produce tastings!

Send an email to <a href="mailto:newjerseyf2s@ag.nj.gov">newjerseyf2s@ag.nj.gov</a> or call us at 609-292-8747 so we can highlight your events featuring local procurement, gardens and nutrition education with local produce on social media.

## Follow Us!



Click the seasonality chart to see what grows in the Garden State!





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