

Growing Healthy Students With Farm to School: Working Together to Feed Our Future

California's year-round growing season and rich agricultural heritage make it the ideal state where farm to school programs can flourish and grow! Farm to school programs improve the health of children and communities while supporting local farmers, local agriculture and local economies.

California Farmers

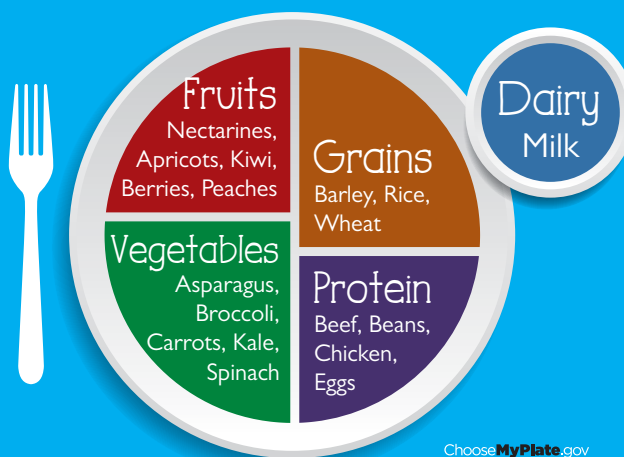
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agricultural
state

81,500
farms operate
in California



Help to Fill USDA's MyPlate

Getting started is easy.
Commonly produced products
in California include¹:



In California Schools

6.2 million
students are enrolled in California schools



50%
eat school lunch each day²

Local Economies See Positive Results

California schools spent
\$48 million
on local purchases
in 2011-12³



1. California Department of Food and Agriculture, California Agricultural Statistics Review 2012-2013
2. California Department of Education Annual Child Nutrition Program Participation Data, School Nutrition Programs 2011-12.
3. www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/census#/state/ca, October 2013

For nearly a century, Dairy Council of California has been leading farm to school through the support of California dairy farmers and processors under the authority of the California Department of Food and Agriculture.


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