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FARM TO CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS: INSIDE THE ISSUE

October is National Farm to School Month!

Celebrate with the [National Farm to School Network](#)

- The 2021 National Farm to School Month campaign theme of "Our Food, Our Future" will center on amplifying youth leadership around [six community values](#) – economic and environmental justice, health, racial equity, workers' rights, and animal welfare – for a racially just food system. [Registration is now open](#) for the annual Movement Meeting taking place on October 14, 2021, titled *Shifting Towards the Next Generation*.
- [Explore National Farm to School Network Resources](#): Check out the free resources for planning and promoting celebrations in your community, including a Farm to School Month Celebration Toolkit, customizable posters and bookmarks, stickers and more.

Celebrate Oregon!

- The [Oregon Farm to School & School Garden Network](#) would like to help you spread the word about your Farm to School Month event or a featured program. Share your Oregon Farm to School Month events or featured programs using this [short form](#) so OFSSGN can amplify your great work across the state!



Oregon Harvest for Schools

The newest videos are here! In this issue we feature Apples in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and Grapes in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)!

Grant Updates

[Final reports for all 2019-2021 biennium grants are due September 30, 2021!](#) Grant agreements for the Noncompetitive Reimbursement Grant are currently being emailed and we expect funds to be available in EGMS in the next few weeks. We will send out a listserv announcement about the Education Grant and Technical Assistance Grant as soon as we have an updated timeline.

FFVP Update

After the initial FFVP application process was completed on September 15, we still have FFVP funds remaining. Therefore, we have opened applications again and will accept them on a rolling basis until all funds have been awarded. Applications can be found on the [FFVP website](#). The mandatory FFVP training for SY 21-22 is also now available on the [FFVP website](#). The new interactive training can be completed at your convenience, and the new Workday platform will allow you to track all of your ODE trainings moving forward.



Our newest videos are here featuring Apples and Grapes!

The month of September brings new additions to the Oregon Harvest for Schools (OH4S) video series; Apples in English and Spanish and Grapes in English and Spanish!



An English language version of the [Apples Video](#).



A Spanish language version of the [Apples Video](#).



An English language version of the [Grapes Video](#).



A Spanish language version of the [Grapes Video](#).

The Oregon Department of Education's Child Nutrition Program and OSU Extension's Food Hero campaign have teamed up to launch this series which will include a total of 50 videos when complete. The series aims to educate students on healthy, Oregon food. For a comprehensive list of the videos we have available to date visit the [Oregon Harvest for Schools website](#) and click on the Videos tab under "Other Items."

Please visit the NEW & IMPROVED Oregon Harvest for Schools Directory.

To find local vendors selling apples, grapes or any of our other fruits and vegetables, please visit the recently redesigned [Oregon Harvest for Schools Directory](#) website (formerly the Oregon Harvest for Schools Portal). It includes new search categories and many new ways to sort including producer identity, USDA meal components and availability.

Please visit the [USDA Food Buyers Guide website](#) for more information on USDA crediting for string beans and sweet peppers in Child Nutrition Program meals.



2021-2023 Biennium Awards: Noncompetitive Reimbursement Grant

Final reports for all 2019-2021 biennium grantees are due September 30, 2021!

Final reports are mandatory and required of all grantees. The report should take about 30 minutes to complete.

You can find links to the final reports below:

- Procurement Grant [Final Report Web Link](#)
- Education Grant [Final Report Web Link](#)
- Technical Assistance [Grant Final Report Web Link](#)

The Oregon State Legislature uses the information from the year-end reports to consider whether or not to fund the ODE Farm to School Grant program each biennium. Your accurate and thoughtful responses to the questions play a crucial role in that decision process, and largely determines the amount of funding, if any, that will be available to purchase Oregon foods and/or provide garden and nutrition education in the coming school years.

If you have any questions, or need to request a copy of your original application or progress report, please contact the ODE Farm to CNP team at FarmtoCNP@ode.state.or.us.

2021-2002 Biennium Updates

Grant agreements for the Farm to CNP Noncompetitive Reimbursement Grant are currently being emailed out. The grant goes live as soon as Sponsors return Agreements, retroactive to July 1, 2021.

The mandatory [Training Webinar](#) is now available on the [Reimbursement Grant webpage](#). This is a recorded webinar. Please view as your schedule allows. After viewing is complete, each grantee must fill out a [Reimbursement Grant Attestation Form](#).

Any questions can be sent to us at FarmtoCNP@ode.state.or.us. We will post a Q&A after reviewing and answering all submitted questions.

We will send out a listserv announcement about the Education Grant and Technical Assistance Grant as soon as we have updated timelines.

Upcoming Events

School Food Service and School Gardens Webinar

October 20th, 2021 2pm - 3:15pm EST

Hear how school gardens can be intertwined with the work of school nutrition programs. We will share case studies related to school food service program funding and staffing support of school gardens, garden to cafeteria programs, and policies to support school gardening efforts. Bring your questions and ideas to share as we will allow time for Q and A. [More information and Registration here.](#)

Growing School Gardens Coast to Coast Virtual School Garden Tour & Activities

Join us on a journey from the Big Island of Hawai'i to Washington, DC, as we visit school gardens across the country! At each stop on this virtual tour, we'll visit with young people in school gardens in unique and diverse communities to see how they are engaging in hands-on learning, growing healthy food for themselves and their communities, and becoming caretakers of their local environments. They'll also share activities for you to try in your own school gardens!

Watch the whole 28 minute video or individual garden visits from 2-5 minutes. [View the videos & activities here.](#)





Updates on the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable (FFVP) Program

FFVP SY 2021-2022 Application Update: Funds Still Available

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FFVP SY 2021-2022 Updates

FFVP Mandatory Training for SY 21-22 - Now Available!

Course Title: ODE - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) 2021-2022 Training

Course Description: Annual training course for ODE's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mandatory or Optional? - This course is mandatory to participate in the SY 21-22 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program and must be completed before submitting your first FFVP claim.

How do I enroll in the course? - It's easy! Follow these steps:

- [Create a free Oregon Workday Extended Enterprise Learner account](#). *Tips:* Make sure to create account before trying to login. Make sure to select the 'Oregon Department of Education' affiliation. (View this [job aid video](#) if you need assistance creating an account, or [follow the instructions on this pdf](#)).
- **Search for course title** by clicking 'browse learning content', then type 'ODE FFVP' in search box, select course and click 'Start Course.'
- Your participation will be recorded once the course is complete.

If you struggle to find the course after creating a Workday Extended Enterprise Learner account, please contact Amy Williams at amy.williams@state.or.us. *Please note:* If you have a Workday account through your school district or organization, you will need to create a separate ODE Extended Enterprise Learner account. You will only be able to complete ODE courses through [Workday Oregon](#).

Forgot your password? View this job aid for the '[Forgot Password Self-Serve Process for Extended Enterprise Learners](#).'

FFVP Updates for SY 2020-2021

Please continue to submit claims by the following dates.

- July claims must be submitted by no later than Wednesday, September 29, 2021.
- August claims must be submitted by no later than Monday, November 1, 2021.
- September claims must be submitted by no later than Monday, December 29, 2021.

*Deadlines above pertain to EGMS entry, not initial claims submissions to the FFVP inbox. Please submit claims to FFVP inbox at least one business day prior to EGMS entry deadline.

You can view the full calendar of claims deadlines on the [FFVP website](#).

REMINDER: Please submit claims to FarmtoCNP@ode.state.or.us.

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1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
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