



School Garden Tip: Plant asparagus! They take a few years to get established, but you can harvest them just about every single day during the months of May and June, as they can grow up to seven inches per day. A great Perennial plant that comes back without maintenance every year! A good way to teach kids about plant life cycles as it bolts very quickly at the end of the season.

May 1-31, 2023

FARM TO CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS (CNP): INSIDE THE ISSUE

USDA Farm to School Grant: Local Food for Schools (LFS)

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Fresh Fruit and Vegetable (FFVP)

FFVP SY 22-23 [mandatory training](#) needs to be completed before submitting your first claim. Please continue to submit claims following the [22-23 claim calendar](#). Please continue to submit claims to FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov.

Competitive and Non-Competitive Reimbursement Grants

There is an important update to the procedure for submitting Competitive Reimbursement Grant application, please check the [website](#).

Farm to Summer Celebration Week Challenge

We encourage Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Sponsors to take the pledge and participate in the Farm to Summer Celebration Week!

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Seafood to Schools Resources

Pacific Northwest Seafood has resources for serving Oregon seafood in schools, check out their [website](#).

Program and Partner Highlights in this Issue

- Umpqua Valley Farm to School
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CNP Grant Updates

Federal USDA Farm to School Grant: Local Food For Schools (LFS) Grant

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- This grant is only available for NSLP sponsors. Eligible sponsors received an email with award allocation March 9, 2023. Agreements have not been sent to sponsors yet.
- The mandatory training materials can be found on our website [here](#). This grant begins March 1, 2023 and close on August 31, 2024.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)

- Please continue to submit claims to FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov according to the [SY 2022-2023 FFVP timeline](#). February 2023 claims are due **Tuesday, May 30, 2023**.
- Agreements and EGMS are currently on hold, but sponsors will be notified as soon as claims are ready to be entered. Claims must still be submitted to FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov by the monthly deadlines. Here are the [SY 2022-2023 FFVP deadlines](#).
- The [mandatory annual FFVP training](#) is now available. This training will need to be completed before submitting your first claim for the 22-23 school year.
- Any questions can be sent to us at FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov.

Competitive Reimbursement Grant

- The final round of the Competitive Reimbursement Grant deadline is in June! Applicants must have been awarded a Farm to CNP Non-Competitive Reimbursement Grant and have a \$0 balance of Non-Competitive funds.
- The timeline for Round Six of the Competitive Reimbursement Grant is as follows:
 - Questions/Requests for Clarification are due **June 1, 2023 by 10AM**.
 - Applications are due **June 8, 2023 by 2PM**.
- Please note the change in procedure for applying to this grant on our [website](#).
- You can view the Request for Grant Applications (RFA) and the full timeline on the [Competitive Reimbursement Grant webpage](#).

Noncompetitive Reimbursement Grant

- The 2021-2023 claim form can be found on the [Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant webpage](#). It is the first item under the "Resources for Claims" section.
- 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](#).
- Before Farm to CNP claims can be approved, returning sponsors must complete a [Final Report](#) from last biennium and new sponsors must complete a [Baseline Report](#).
- The progress report is mandatory and required of all sponsors that participate in the ODE Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant. You can link directly to the [progress report](#) or access it through the [Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant web page](#).



Farm to Summer Celebration Week Challenge: July 17-21, 2023

Summer is approaching fast as ever. So, with that in mind, we're doing our annual Farm to Summer challenge! Here are the details:

- This will again take place the 3rd week of July, which this year is July 17-21
- If you're planning on participating, send us an email by June 30 at FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov to let us know you will participate.
- Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Programs are eligible!
- Sponsor will need to do a promotion about an Oregon grown or processed food item that will be highlighted that week.
- Do a write-up about the promo and take pictures, submit after the week is done.
- We'll select up to three winners.
- Winner will receive a pear trophy, like the one shown here.



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Apples | Asparagus | Beef | Beets | Blueberries | Broccoli | Brussels Sprouts | Cabbage | Cane Berries | Carrots | Cauliflower | Celery | Cherries | Corn | Cranberries | Cucumbers | Dry Beans | Eggs | Grapes | Kale | Kiwi | Leeks | Microgreens | Milk | Mushrooms | Onions | Parsnips | Peaches | Pears | Peas | Peppers | Potatoes | Radishes | Rhubarb | Salad Greens | Seafood | Spinach | Strawberries | String Beans | Summer Squash | Tomatoes | Turnips | Watermelon | Wheat | Winter Squash

Please note there is currently no stock for blueberry, kiwi, and salmon posters or newsletters but check back in the future for restocking.

There are also educational videos and a complete list of these videos can be found on the [Oregon Harvest for Schools webpage](#).



Seafood in Schools Resource

SESAME GINGER
TUNA SANDWICH



TERIYAKI ROCKFISH
RICE BOWL



OREGON PINK
SHRIMP CHOWDER



BLACKENED PACIFIC
DOVER SOLE TACOS



Pacific Northwest Seafood has a resource that highlights four seafood suppliers and shares School Nutrition Program Recipes for the meals shown above (sesame ginger tuna sandwich, teriyaki rockfish rice bowl, Oregon pink shrimp chowder, and blackened Pacific dover sole tacos). Check out their [website](#) for more information!



Education Grant and School Garden Updates



Walla Walla Farm to School

Walla Walla Farm to School shared their quarterly newsletter [here](#).

Check it out to learn more about their recent fundraising and updates from each of their gardens.

Thanks for sharing!



Umpqua Valley Farm to School

Eastwood Elementary - Our first workday of the year was a huge success! Over 20 volunteers came out to build new raised beds, fill them with soil, and get ready for Spring planting.

Visit their [website](#) for volunteer opportunities and to learn more.

Questions or suggestions for future issues?

Please send an email to the Farm to CNP team at FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov.

Civil Rights and Complaints Process

The Oregon Department of Education Child Nutrition Programs (ODE CNP) works closely with the regional USDA Office of Civil Rights and other organizations committed to equal educational opportunity and respectful environments.

ODE CNP actively promotes equity. We offer training and technical assistance to ODE CNP sponsors and providers to assist them with their responsibilities regarding discrimination and harassment. ODE CNP also conducts workshops on these and related subjects at state, regional, local program sites, and conferences. Future activities include developing outreach strategies and tactics aimed at inclusiveness and increased program participation.

To file a Child Nutrition Programs complaint of discrimination with the State of Oregon, please send an email to ODE CNP Civil Rights or write to:

Director of Child Nutrition Programs,
Oregon Department of Education,
255 Capitol Street NE,
Salem, OR 97310
or call (503) 947-5888, (voice)
or (503) 378-2892(TDD).

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U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

email: program.intake@usda.gov



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