

# OREGON

## Oregon's Host Site – The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

The FoodCorps Oregon program is housed in ODA's Agricultural Marketing and Development program to increase:

- agricultural, food and environmental literacy,
- community food security, and
- interest in agricultural careers.

Oregon is a mature farm to school state, being the first state to institutionalize a Farm to School & School Garden Coordinator in both the state agencies of Agriculture and Education. There are over 600 school gardens across the state and more than 200 producers provide Oregon products in school meal programs.



## WHERE WE WORK

1. Food Roots, Tillamook
2. Growing Gardens, Portland
3. Salem-Keizer Education Foundation, Salem
4. Corvallis Environmental Center, Corvallis
5. Rogue Valley Farm to School, Ashland
6. North Powder Charter School, North Powder
7. Native American Youth and Family Center, Portland
8. Willamette Farm & Food Coalition, Eugene



## OUR OREGON IMPACT

14476

CHILDREN  
REACHED



29

GARDEN  
PROJECTS



2572

LBS. OF GARDEN  
PRODUCE  
HARVESTED



608

NEW COMMUNITY  
VOLUNTEERS



## Why FoodCorps in Oregon?

- 1 in 4 children live in poverty
- 1 in 5 children at risk of being overweight/obesity
- 15% of Oregon families are food insecure
- 1 in 3 children at risk for diabetes
- Average farmer age is almost 60 years of age, and declines in new farmers

Serving with FoodCorps in Oregon means you're part of a close-knit team serving together to help Oregon kids and communities grow up healthy. Join us!

Questions about FoodCorps in Oregon?

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## FoodCorps: Connecting kids to real food and helping them grow up healthy

FoodCorps is a nationwide team of AmeriCorps leaders who connect kids to real food and help them grow up healthy. Working under the direction of local partner organizations, we implement a three-ingredient recipe for healthy kids.

Our service members provide:

- Food and nutrition education that gives kids the information they need to make smart choices
- Hands-on activities like gardening and cooking that foster skills and pride around healthy food
- Lunch trays filled with nutritious meals from local farms

One in four U.S. children struggle with hunger, while one in three is obese or overweight. Yet the root cause is the same: lack of access to healthy food.

Schools are poised to be the front lines in our nation's response to childhood obesity: 32 million children eat school food – the source of half their calories – 180 days of the year. What we feed our children, and what we teach them about food in school shapes how they learn, how they grow and how long they will live.



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