



ODE Farm to School Newsletter



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FARM TO SCHOOL: INSIDE THE ISSUE



Oregon Harvest for Schools

The newest videos are here! In this issue, we feature **Corn** in [Spanish](#) and [English](#) as well as **Cauliflower** in [Spanish](#).

Tips for Submitting Procurement Grant Claims

Reminders about best practices when submitting claims, references available, and the progress report that will be due this fall.



Farm to School in the News

In this issue, we highlight education grantees featured in the news this month. Erin Maidlow, Nutrition Educator with the Oregon State University Extension Service, was [interviewed on KQEN radio](#) about recent Education Grants that have been awarded to schools in Douglas County. Growing Gardens was mentioned in the USDA's Office of Community Food Systems monthly E-letter "The Dirt" in a [special COVID-19 edition](#).



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The end of May brings new additions to the Oregon Harvest for Schools (OH4S) video series.



A Spanish language version of the [Corn video](#).



An English language version of the [Corn video](#).



A Spanish language version of the [Cauliflower video](#).

Oregon Department of Education Child Nutrition Program's 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. You can check out all three videos on the [Oregon Harvest for Schools website](#).

To find local vendors selling corn and cauliflower or any of our other fruits and vegetables, please visit the [Oregon Harvest for Schools portal website](#).

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

TIPS FOR SUBMITTING PROCUREMENT GRANT CLAIMS

- Send all claims to FarmtoCNP@state.or.us
- Submit ONE claim, rather than multiple claims with a few items on each claim
- We have a reference guide for what is [allowable and unallowable](#) should you need it.
- Curious about what products were reimbursed during the last Farm to School cycle? Explore the [spreadsheet listing all products that were reimbursed](#). You can sort by County, School District, product, vendor, etc.
- Reminder: A progress report for all procurement grant sponsors will be due on September 30, 2020. Future claims cannot be submitted until this progress report is submitted. A [pdf copy of the progress report](#) questions is currently available as a reference so you can collect the required data in order to be prepared when it's time to complete the report in the fall.

Oregon School Garden count for the month of May: 770!

Take a look at the [Oregon Farm to School and School Garden Map](#) to explore and learn more!

Farm to School in the News

- Erin Maidlow, Nutrition Educator with the Oregon State University Extension Service, was [interviewed on KQEN radio on May 18, 2020](#). She talks about the Farm to School Procurement Grant and recent Education Grants that have been awarded to schools in Douglas County.

In total for this biennium, fifty-eight education grants were awarded to school districts and other programs to fund food, agriculture and garden-based educational activities. You can read about the projects based in Douglas County below and we will continue to highlight other Education Grantees in future issues.

OSU Extension Douglas County - Awarded: \$78,692 (1,480 students)

Douglas County has historically been a county based in agriculture and their school gardens have grown immensely over the last two years. Their farmers' market has received statewide acclaim for its growth and community involvement, and agriculture remains as one of the principal industries. With their high rates of poverty and food insecurity, gardening is an essential skill for their residents to obtain. With the ODE Farm to Child Nutrition grant, they will build a solid foundation in Douglas County for a healthier future through agriculture and garden education.

Phoenix School of Roseburg - Awarded: \$38,928 (603 students)

Phoenix School is building partnerships with Oregon growers, producers, and processors to increase the consumption of healthy local foods in their year-round food programs. Local farmers, orchardists, ranchers, and processors will help Phoenix Agriculture and Food Services students conduct weekly events to showcase the varieties of healthy, local foods and the many ways they can be featured in school and family diets.

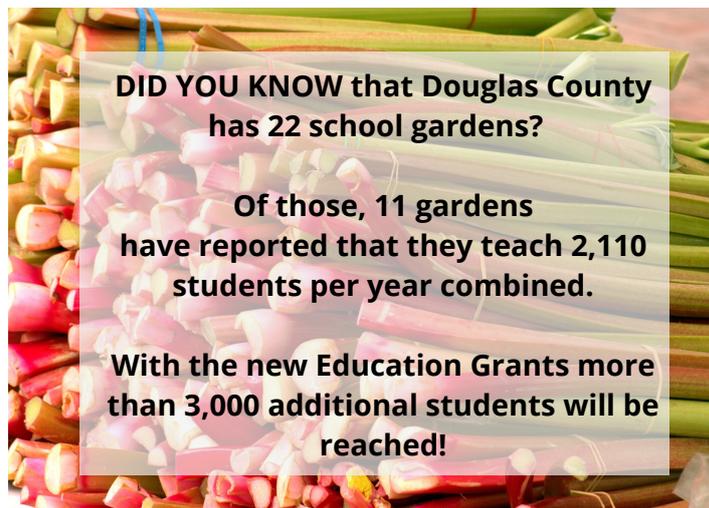
Thriving Waters, Blue Zones Project - Awarded: \$10,000 (955 students)

Since 2017, Blue Zones Project and community partners have installed five gardens at schools and juvenile facilities and launched a 1700-hour AmeriCorps School Garden Coordinator position reaching over 500 students since September. In 2020-2021 the AmeriCorps Member will provide garden coordination at three elementary schools and one foster youth education program. Service will focus on education and systems to improve attitudes and knowledge related to agriculture and healthy eating through a sustainable garden program at each site. The Coordinator will assist each facility with developing an annual production cycle that could supplement the school meals program featuring Oregon Harvest of the Month and facilitating outdoor learning classrooms to engage students in all aspects of growing food, inspiring a sense of place and connection.

Winston-Dillard School District, Douglas High School - Awarded: \$7,278 (225 students)

The next critical step in reviving the Ag program at Douglas High School is developing the horticulture program. They are repairing an old greenhouse to become a hydroponics center for growing food grade produce to be used by the cafeteria and sold to the public. This grant will provide funding to purchase equipment to get the hydroponics program in place. Students will learn the basics of hydroponics systems while building them and then using the system to grow food grade produce. Students will learn industry standard skills that they will be able to use in the future.

- **Growing Gardens**, a round one Education Grantee, was highlighted in the USDA's Office of Community Food Systems monthly E-letter "The Dirt" this month in a [special COVID-19 edition](#). They are currently distributing hundreds of free take-home Garden Activity kits at school-based food pantries. The full scope of their Farm to School work and projects will be highlighted in a summer issue of the Farm to School newsletter.



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