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

### Fresh Fruit and Vegetable (FFVP) Update

FFVP SY 22-23 [mandatory training](#) needs to be completed before submitting your first claim. Agreements and EGMS are delayed but please continue to submit claims following the [22-23 claim calendar](#). Please continue to submit claims to [FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov](mailto:FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov).

### 2022-2023 Oregon School Garden Survey

This 44-question [survey](#) should take 15-20 minutes to complete. We would like everyone to fill out this survey even if it has been completed in the past before. Even if your garden is not currently in use, we would still everyone to fill it out so we can get better data about school gardens in Oregon.

### Farm to CNP Non-Competitive Reimbursement Grant

The Progress Reports for the non-competitive reimbursement grant are past due. You can link directly to the [progress report](#) or access it through the [Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant web page](#). This progress report is mandatory and required of all sponsors that participate in the ODE Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant. You will not be able to submit future reimbursement claims or receive additional funding until this report is submitted.

### Farm to CNP Education Grant

We have awarded almost \$3 million in funds for the education award. The funds will be used for food, agriculture, and farm-based activities. Next month we will share more about the awardees and projects.



### Oregon Harvest for Schools

Oregon Harvest for Schools has resources for schools including, videos, free posters for order, and a directory to find locally grown and processed foods. All can be found on the [Oregon Harvest for Schools webpage](#).

### Other Announcements

Congratulations to Forest Grove School District and Multnomah Education Service District for being awarded the Budding Botanist Grant!



## **Congratulations to Forest Grove School District and Multnomah Education Service District!**

These districts were awarded the 2023 Budding Botanist Grant. You can read about their programs and see all the winners on the [KidsGardening website](#).

### **Forest Grove School District (Cornelius, OR)**

At the Echo Shaw Elementary School Garden in Forest Grove School District, students will learn Mezo American farming practices as a way to understand sustainability. By learning the heritage and culture, the students can see themselves in the garden space. The garden will teach them about the connection between our food and the environment.

### **Multnomah Education Service District (Gresham, OR)**

The school garden at Multnomah Education Service District teaches youth with disabilities about permaculture agricultural education, engages students in sensory-based garden therapy, and provides a habitat for native wildlife. To learn about environmental sustainability, the students will plant a food forest filled with canopy trees, fruit trees, fruiting shrubs, nitrogen-fixing/wildlife-attracting herbaceous perennials, herbs, fruiting groundcovers, root vegetables, and fruiting vines.



## **Announcing the 2022-2023 Oregon School Garden Survey!**

Currently Oregon has 788 school gardens! That's over half the schools in Oregon.

We last did an extensive survey starting in 2017. We spent the past couple years getting feedback of what we are missing and adding or changing the questions we had. We are ready to send out the survey, and like everything else, we had to pause while COVID ran its course, as many gardens were inactive

We now have 44 questions; it should take 15-20 minutes to complete a survey for each garden. We ask that everyone should fill out a new survey for this, even if you have filed one out in the past. It's important to fill out the survey even if your garden is in hiatus or information while our evaluation team and Oregon Farm to School & School Garden Network continue to shape our future in school gardens

Here is the link to the survey: [ODE School Garden Survey 2023](#)



## Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)

- Please continue to submit claims to [FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov](mailto:FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov) according to the [SY 2022-2023 FFVP timeline](#). October 2022 claims are due **Friday, December 30, 2022**.
- 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](mailto: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](mailto:FarmtoCNP@ode.oregon.gov).



## Noncompetitive Reimbursement Grant

- The Progress Reports for the non-competitive reimbursement grant are past due. You can link directly to the [progress report](#) or access it through the [Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant web page](#). This progress report is mandatory and required of all sponsors that participate in the ODE Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant. You will not be able to submit future reimbursement claims or receive additional funding until this report is submitted.
- 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 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](#).

## Oregon Harvest for Schools

The Oregon Department of Education's Child Nutrition Program and OSU Extension's Food Hero campaign teamed up to launch the [Oregon Harvest for Schools video series](#) which currently includes a total of 47 videos.

The series aims to educate students on healthy, Oregon food. The list of videos available includes the following:

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

We also have two Cultural Heritage Videos including African Heritage Flavors and Latinx Flavors.

These Oregon Harvest for Schools videos are part of [Food Hero's Cultural Toolkits](#).

The complete list of videos can be found on the [Oregon Harvest for Schools webpage](#).



Oregon Harvest for Schools posters are available free of charge to Oregon schools. The order form (which details the exact inventory of which posters are currently available) can be found on the [Oregon Harvest for Schools webpage](#).

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2. Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
3. Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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