# Farm To School

## Implementing Farm to School Activities: Food Safety

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Food Safety is an element that must be addressed when implementing Farm to School efforts. School districts need to consider the farm where the food is produced and ensure that the appropriate practices are in place to help prevent potential foodborne illness. School food service professionals and farmers should familiarize themselves with Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Handling Practices (GHP). In addition, it is advisable for school districts and farmers to contact their State and/or County Health Department for information on local food safety requirements. Although not inclusive, below is a list of food safety resources organized by topic area that provides basic definitions of food safety terms and links to sites with more information. These resources may be used by school food service as well as growers. For additional information, please visit the [Food Safety](http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2010_summary-report.pdf#page=50) section of the USDA Farm to School Team 2010 Summary Report and USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service [Food Safety website](http://www.fns.usda.gov/food-safety/food-safety). For resources on food safety training materials, please visit our [Resources](http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/F2S/f2s-resources.htm).

* [Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP)](http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/implementing-farm-school-activities-food-safety#hazard)
* [Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Handling Practices (GHP)](http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/implementing-farm-school-activities-food-safety#gapghp)
* [On-Farm Food Safety Checklist Tools](http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/implementing-farm-school-activities-food-safety#onfarm)
* [Product Liability Insurance](http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/implementing-farm-school-activities-food-safety#product)
* [Food Safety in School Gardens](http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/implementing-farm-school-activities-food-safety#foodsafety)
* [Food Safety and Salad Bars](http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/implementing-farm-school-activities-food-safety#food safetysalad)
* [Food Safety with Local Meat, Eggs and Dairy](http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/implementing-farm-school-activities-food-safety#foodsafemeateggsdairy)
* [General Food Safety Resources](http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/implementing-farm-school-activities-food-safety#generalfoodsafety)

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