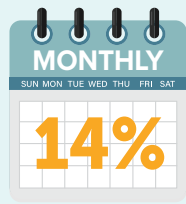


Grants help schools and childcares serve local foods often.



Over 100 unique food products purchased

Grantees took advantage of the wide variety of Washington-grown foods, introducing students to new and different types of foods.

Top 10 Products

(includes fresh, dried, and frozen)

Apples
\$321,626

Beef
\$116,341

Yogurt
\$115,371

Cherries
\$87,920

Pears
\$44,266

Strawberries
\$22,871

Blueberries
\$21,873

Raspberries
\$13,754

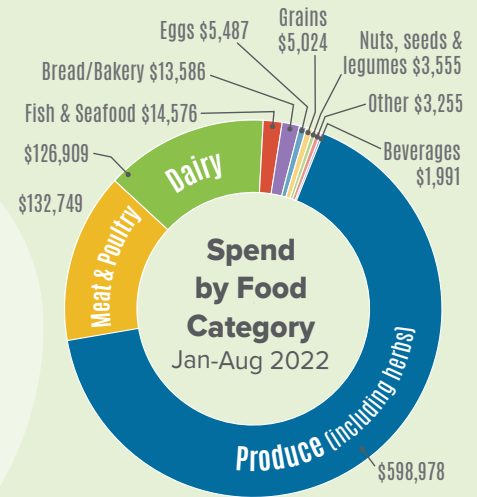
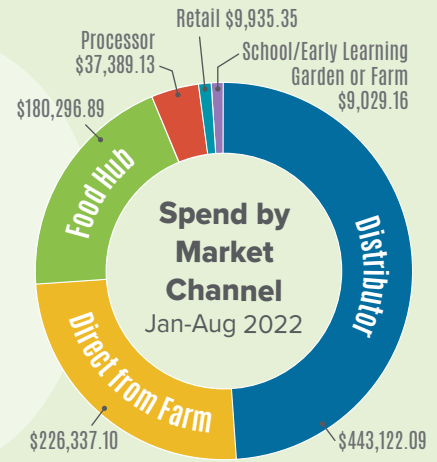
Micro Greens
\$12,237

Cheese
\$11,464

Key Outcomes

Grants allow schools and childcares to purchase local foods in a variety of ways, creating new opportunities for even small farms to sell to schools.

By purchasing directly from small farms and food hubs that aggregate, distribute and market for member farms, **more of the purchasing dollar goes directly back to the farmer** and stays within the local economy.



Statements from Grantees:

"Kids love knowing who grew their food...It makes the food system feel more real!" - Common Threads Farm

"Our culinary class has taken beans harvested by our ag class and cooked a meal commonly eaten in LatinX cultures." - Lopez Island School District

"None of the local purchases would have been made without the grant. This grant helped build relationships with local vendors and access beef from a ranch in the community." - Selkirk School District

"We got to serve fresh cherries during our summer food service program. Kids literally cheered when they saw them!" - Everett Public Schools

Schools and childcares serve local foods to kids at all times of day and in all seasons.

Grantees report serving local foods in these meals:

- 81%** Breakfast/ School Breakfast Program
- 95%** Lunch/ National School Lunch Program
- 21%** After School Snack Program
- 12%** At-Risk Afterschool Meals
- 20%** Supper (childcare only)
- 48%** Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO) (schools only)

Data Sources: Unless otherwise noted, all data included comes from monthly school and childcare purchasing reports and grant surveys collected by WSDA. *While this grant allows farm to school purchasing for more districts and farms across Washington state, the grant awards do not reflect all of the farm to school purchasing happening, any institution can participate.