

Nebraska Thursdays: Baseline Survey

Thank you for registering for Nebraska Thursdays! We hope that participation in the program will bring many successes to your school lunch program.

Farm to school activities benefit students, farmers and your community and we're glad you're taking part! As the primary contact for this program, you are required to complete this survey prior to receiving your login information for the Nebraska Thursdays web portal. You can download a reference version of this survey at <https://www.education.ne.gov/ns/farm-to-school/ne-thursdays-survey-preview/>. The survey will take 5-10 minutes to complete.

If you have any questions regarding this survey, contact Sarah Smith at NDE-Nutrition Services at sarah.e.smith@nebraska.gov or 402-471-3655.

Thank you for your participation in the survey and in Nebraska Thursdays!

Q1. As the primary contact for Nebraska Thursdays, please complete the following:

- ☐ Name: _____
- ☐ District Name: _____
- ☐ Email address: _____
- ☐ Telephone number: _____
- ☐ Number of students enrolled in district: _____
- ☐ Number of feeding sites in district: _____
- ☐ Total number of sites in district that will participate in Nebraska Thursdays: _____

Q2. Did your district work with local food products in any form (i.e., fresh, minimally processed, or processed) during the 2018-2019 school year?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q3. Are any of the following considered to be problems in procuring local products or reasons why your district does not purchase any or even more local products? (Please check all that apply.)

- ☐ Local producers aren't bidding
- ☐ Hard to find year-round availability of key items
- ☐ Hard to coordinate procurement of local with regular procurement
- ☐ Local items not available from primary vendors
- ☐ Vendors for local items don't offer a broad range of products
- ☐ Higher prices
- ☐ Unstable product prices
- ☐ Lack of reliability in delivering ordered items
- ☐ Lack of kitchen equipment to process/prepare local foods
- ☐ GAP or other food safety requirements
- ☐ Lack of compliance with your institution's purchasing regulations and policies
- ☐ Lack of availability of processed/precut products
- ☐ Hard to find new suppliers/growers or distributors
- ☐ Hard to get information about product availability
- ☐ Hard to place orders with vendors
- ☐ Getting on-time deliveries
- ☐ Getting product delivered that meets your quality requirements & other specs (i.e. size)
- ☐ Having quantity delivered equal to quantity ordered

- ☐ Resolving problem deliveries
- ☐ Inability to pay farmers according to farmers' needs due to school district payment procedures
- ☐ Other: (please specify) _____

Q4. Do you have a farm to school team at your district? Your team may be comprised of school food service staff, teachers, administrators, local farmers, students, parents and community organizations, among others. Each individual has an important role in sustaining a farm to school program.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Q5. There is a recipe page on the Nebraska Thursdays web portal that provides standardized seasonal recipes to support your menu planning. Please list below local food ingredients you would like to feature so we can provide applicable recipes. You may also list recipes that would be helpful to you for serving local foods.

Q6. How often do you expect to feature Nebraska Thursdays in the 2018-2019 school year?

- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Once each quarter
- ☐ Once each semester
- ☐ Once per school year

Q7. Please provide any additional information or comments.

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