

Hoophouses for Health Farm to School Frequently Asked Questions

What schools or early childhood programs are eligible?

Programs that reside in school districts with 50% or more free and reduced lunch eligibility are potential program participants.

How do I connect with schools?

The technical assistance team will help find an eligible school/daycare in your area. Interested farmers should call or email Erin Caudell at 517-353-0408 or caudelle@msu.edu.

I'm a small farm, so I don't know if I grow enough to sell to schools.

Hoophouses for Health staff will work with you to find an appropriately sized daycare for you. There are many small or home daycares that may be partnered with your farm.

How much of my loan can I payback through Farm to School/Daycare?

You can payback up to 50% of your loan through Farm to School/Daycare sales.

What products can I sell via Farm to School/Daycare?

Farmers can invoice for any food product (including fruit, vegetables, culinary herbs, popcorn, and dry beans) grown on their farm. Products do not have to come from the hoophouse purchased with the loan.