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## October Proclaimed as Arkansas Farm to School Month

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** – Governor Asa Hutchinson has proclaimed October as Arkansas Farm to School Month. Find the full Arkansas Farm to School proclamation [here](#).

Arkansas Farm to School Month is part of nationwide efforts to connect schools, early childhood education sites, and other organizations with farms to bring local, healthy food to children. The theme of this year's Arkansas Farm to School Month is "Connecting Schools, Farms, and the Community to Local Food."

"We applaud the efforts of those involved in bringing local food to children and look forward to working with others interested in participating in Farm to School activities," said Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture Wes Ward. "From the farmer who produces food to the educators and parents who teach children about gardening, cooking, and nutrition, all are critical to the creation and sustainability of strong local food systems."

There are many ways to get involved in Arkansas Farm to School Month activities during October, including the following statewide opportunities:

1. Classes and students are invited to a virtual farm tour, hosted on October 14, 2021 from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m. The live virtual tour will feature an Arkansas dairy farm, Triple A Farms, in Bentonville
2. Schools are invited to participate in the Great Farm to School Transformation, a statewide recognition program celebrating the transformations schools are implementing through school gardens and cafeterias.
3. Schools are encouraged to apply for farm to school grants and funding to grow their farm to school activities in the school garden, classroom, or cafeteria. The Arkansas Department of Agriculture will open applications for a school garden and taste test grant at the end of the month.
4. Schools and farms can qualify for a free Arkansas Farm to School sign to display in their school garden, cafeteria, or on the farm recognizing their farm to school activities by creating a listing on the new [arfarmtoschool.org](http://arfarmtoschool.org) website.

More information about these opportunities and Arkansas Farm to School Month can be found at [arfarmtoschool.org/about/farm-to-school-month/](http://arfarmtoschool.org/about/farm-to-school-month/).

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