

Sources of School Food Purchases



If you are working to reach a goal of 30% NY grown and raised ingredients, it helps to look at where you spend most of your food dollars, how much of that is spent on local foods, and where you have flexibility to source more local foods.

"% Local—Total Budget" will show what proportion of your total budget is made up of local foods from each category.

| Source | Items or Types of Items Purchased | % of Total Food Budget | % Local—Category | % Local—Total Budget |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| USDA Government Commodity Program (does not count toward 30%) | | | | — |
| USDA Pilot Project (does not count toward 30%) | | | | |
| | | | | — |
| | | | | — |
| Broadline Distributors | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Local/Regional Distributors (ex. Latina Boulevard, Tarantino Foods, Brigiotta's) | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Farms | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Dairies | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Bakeries | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Other | | | | |
| | | | | |

Using *Strategies for Purchasing and Incorporating Other NY Grown and Raised Ingredients* as a guide, consider the following.

This exercise is intended to help you identify what you could most easily incorporate into your school menus with the existing budget, contracts, and vendor relationships you have.

1. Do you already purchase a high percent of local products from sources that can provide them?

2. From which sources could you be procuring more local products?

3. Considering the sources you listed above, what products would you be buying more of? In other words, what are the local products sold by these sources that you could easily incorporate into your menus?

4. How feasible would it be to begin purchasing more local products from these sources? For example, would it be as simple as selecting NY products already available from a distributor more frequently, or would it require more complex changes like new contracts, more scratch cooking, or additional equipment?

| | |
|--|--|
| Current % local | |
| Goal % local | |
| Difference (this is the amount by which you need to increase your local purchases to get to your goal) | |

| | |
|--|--|
| Current \$ local | |
| Goal \$ local | |
| Difference (this is the amount by which you need to increase your local purchases to get to your goal) | |