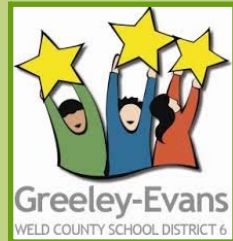


# WELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 6 FARM TO SCHOOL



Farm to School Newsletter

October 2014



## Serving Up Local Foods

WCSD6 is proud to announce how successful the Farm to School program was for the 2013-2014 school year!

In our 6th year of a Farm to School program, District 6 once again worked with many local farms to source healthy, wholesome foods including:

- **Ela Family Farms**- Peaches, pears, and a variety of apples
- **Loco foods**- We purchased 4000 lbs of cantaloupe
- **Wacky Apple**- A variety of apples purchased. A student favorite!
- **Leffler Farms**. 4000 ears of corn and 10,000 lbs of pinto beans
- **Ranch Foods Direct**– Grass-fed, Grain finished hamburger patties
- **Fagerberg Produce**- Onions
- **Meadow Gold Dairies** 98% of the milk/dairy products are produced from Weld County dairy farms!



## The Menu

WCSD6 buys locally grown ingredients to make these delicious menu items!

- Locally grown pinto beans to make burritos and chili.
- Locally grown ingredients to make red sauce for lasagna, spaghetti, ravioli, and pizza.
- Chicken purchased locally to create dishes such as teriyaki chicken, BBQ chicken pizza, buffalo chicken sandwich, etc.
- Locally grown potatoes for wedge ranch potatoes and mashed potatoes.
- The milk served for breakfast and lunch everyday is purchased from Meadow Gold Dairies, 98% of their milk comes from local dairy farms.
- Many of our delicious salad bar fruits and vegetables are also from local farms.
- We buy produce from school gardens to use on salad bars.
- Green Chilies are purchased to make the green chili we top burritos with.
- Made-from-scratch pumpkin pie utilizing locally grown pumpkins.

## Farm Spotlight for the 2014—2015 School Year!

For the 2014—2015 school year WCSD6 will be purchasing food from the following local farms:

Meadow Gold, Greeley CO



Tigges Farms, Greeley



Hungenberg Produce, Greeley CO



Fagerberg Produce, Eaton CO



Leffler Family Farms, Eaton CO



Wacky Apples, Hotchkiss CO



## What is "local"?

District 6 considers buying local as purchasing from farms within 400 miles of Greeley.

## Nutrition Services in the news!

Check out the following articles about all of District 6's efforts to provide healthy and locally grown meals to students.

- "Snack Attack: Greeley—Evans School District 6 focuses on healthier vending machine options"
  - The Tribune
  - 8/20/2014
- "Colorado's Farm to School Takes Root, But Challenges Still Abound"
  - KUNC
  - 8/18/2014
- "Greeley—Evans School district 6 becoming Food Hub for other Districts"
  - The Tribune
  - 8/15/2014
- "School Districts Ready For New Year With Healthier Snacks"
  - KUNC
  - 7/30/2014
- "In Quest to put more local foods in school cafeterias, district treads new ground"
  - Chalkbeat Colorado
  - 7/21/2014



Greeley West baseball team shucking locally grown corn to be served in school lunches throughout District 6.

## Local Farmers Markets

You can support local farms at home too! Visit local farmers markets for fresh produce. For more information, visit our webpage for links on local Greeley Farmers Markets.

## Know a farmer?

Please tell them of our efforts to buy local and have them contact us at: [schoolfood@greeleyschools.org](mailto:schoolfood@greeleyschools.org)



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For more information on WCSD6 Farm to School:

Please go to [www.greeleyschools.org/nutrition](http://www.greeleyschools.org/nutrition) and click on "Farm to School"



<https://www.facebook.com/d6nutritionservices>

Also check out [ColoradoFarmtoSchool.org](http://ColoradoFarmtoSchool.org) for all things Colorado Farm to School!

