

Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program (LFS) Final report

The purpose of this program is to increase the purchasing of local and regional foods for distribution to schools, and to build partnerships with local and regional farmers/producers, small businesses, socially disadvantaged farmers/producers, and food distribution networks for schools. A desired outcome of the LFS is that these partnerships continue after the program concludes.

At the end of each performance year, recipients will be required to provide a final report. This report will include a summary of the data from the quarterly progress reports and a narrative addressing questions 1 through 2 below. The narrative responses will be used to measure the outcome of the program.

1. Percentage of new marketing opportunities established by purchasing from local and regional farmers/producers, and of those, what percentage will likely be sustained after the funding is expended.
2. Percentage of new marketing opportunities established by purchasing from socially disadvantaged farmers/producers, and of those, what percentage will likely be sustained after the funding is expended.
3. Percentage of new marketing opportunities established by purchasing from small businesses, and of those, what percentage will likely be sustained after the funding is expended.

In your response to question 1, 2, and 3, compare the number of partnerships built through the LFS to partnerships in existence prior to the program, and of those, the percentage that will continue at the conclusion of the program.