



FARM TO EVERYTHING!

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Important Reminders & Events

Coming soon 2020 Farmer Recognition Award Applications

Do you know of a farm that is connecting New Jersey students to New Jersey agriculture? Applications for the 2020 Farmer Recognition Award will be coming out in January. Applications will be open from January -March 2020!

Come see Jersey Fresh Farm to School in-person

Jersey Fresh Farm to School Team will be at the Vegetable Growers Association Conference on Feb. 4 and 5 at Harrah's Resort and Waterfront Conference Center in Atlantic City, NJ and at the USDA Foods Show on Feb. 6 at the NJ Expo Center in Edison, NJ. Come stop by our table at either event and learn more about our program offerings!

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Tax Check-Off: NJ Farm to School & School Garden Fund

In August of 2014, one of five Farm to School focused bills signed into law in New Jersey established the "New Jersey Farm to School and School Garden Fund," allowing New Jersey taxpayers the option to designate a portion of their refund to be deposited in this special fund. Look for the "New Jersey Charitable Funds" section on the 2019 State of New Jersey tax form to donate- on Line 64, number 19. These donations will provide grants to schools for gardens, salad bars, and Farm to School related field trips.

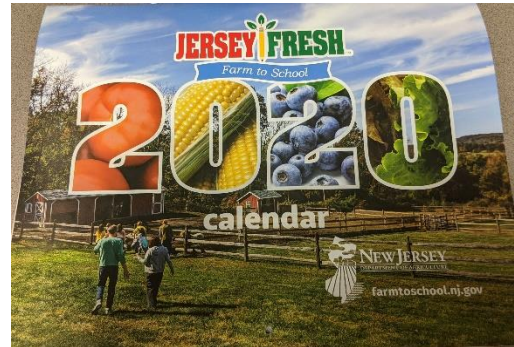


Growing, Cooking, Serving



FARM TO SCHOOL:

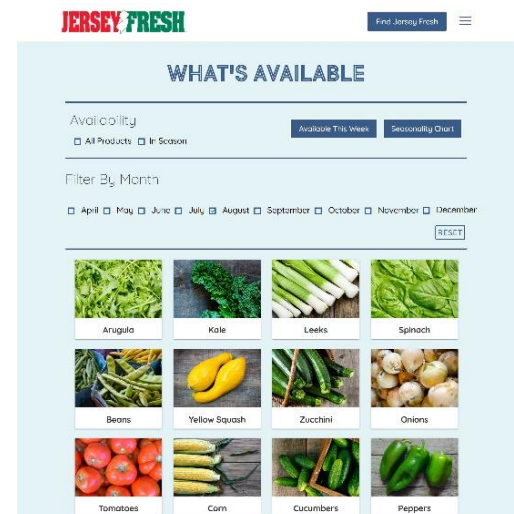
The 2020 Jersey Fresh Farm to School Calendar is out! Check-out how schools celebrated Jersey Fresh Farm to School Week in September & Farm to School Month in October. If you would like a calendar or inspiration on your next Farm to School celebration contact us at 609-292-8662 or newjerseyf2s@ag.nj.gov.



FARM TO SUMMER:

It's never too early to start planning what local produce you will feature on your summer menus.

Visit findjerseyfresh.com to find growers in the Garden State.



FARM TO PRESCHOOL:

We highlight frozen blueberries as our January [Jersey Tastes](#) fruit of the month. Join in the delicious fun with your preschoolers by downloading our [Jersey Tastes Blueberries flyer](#), taste test [stickers](#) and [two-sided "Fun Facts"](#) document or use resources from the [Highbush Blueberry Council](#).



Top Tomato Winter 2019

SHINING A SPOTLIGHT ON THOSE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN FARM TO SCHOOL



It has been said that the privilege of a lifetime is to become who you truly are and for Frank Ferrucci his destiny was set generations ago when his great-grandfather came from Italy and began his life's work as a vegetable farmer in a small section of Gloucester County, N.J. called Piney Hollow. Through many years of hard work and a never-ending drive to expand his knowledge of organic farming practices, Frank, along with the invaluable support of his family, founded Summer Wind Farm, a USDA Certified Organic farm in Newfield, N.J. Frank, along with his business partner, Rose Moffa, expanded his interest in organic farming through the acquisition of Cecil Creek Farm, a 42 acre, USDA Certified Organic farm in Mickleton, N.J. and have continued to strive for new and expanded ways to bring the South Jersey community, the best in certified organic fruits and vegetables. Frank Ferrucci is our Top Tomato for Winter 2019.

In addition to offering a 27-week organic market style Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program, Cecil Creek Farm features a robust environmental education program with field trips to the farm, a summer day camp, and in-school field trips. Frank along with Luna Geier, Education Director, at Cecil Creek Farm, also assisted several local schools with starting a school garden by helping break ground on the project and providing plants and on-site expertise. This dedication to Farm to School led Cecil Creek Farm to receive the 2019 Farmer Recognition Award from the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

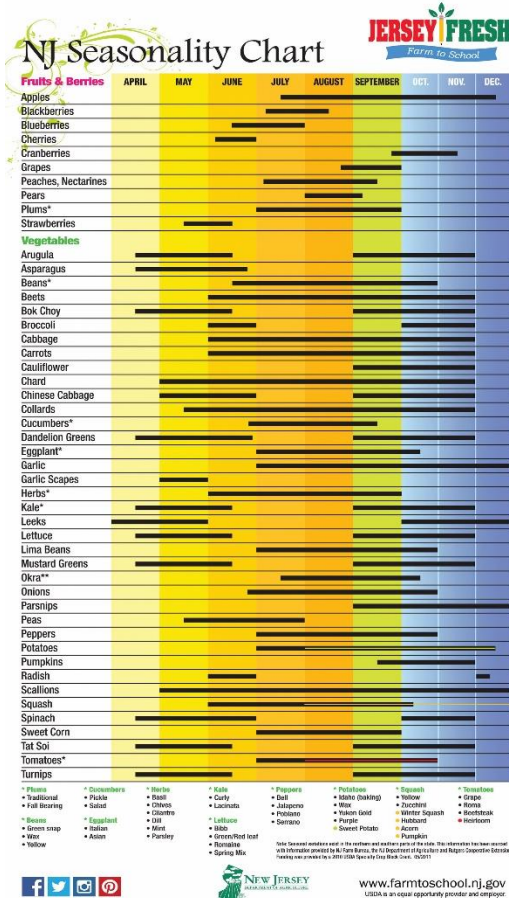


"Our primary mission at Cecil Creek Farm is to educate everyone that comes to the farm, from students on a field trip to guests attending a wedding, about the process of growing healthy food and the importance of making good nutritional choices," Cecil Creek Farm co-owner Rose Moffa said. "It's an honor to win this Award and have Frank honored as a Top Tomato. We plan to continue making Farm to School an integral part of what we do at Cecil Creek."

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Click the seasonality chart to see what grows in the Garden State!



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