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NETWORK

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Shifting the Needle on Policy Change through Research:

EFFECTIVE TOOLS AND STRATEGIES FOR STATE-LEVEL FARM TO SCHOOL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

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CORE ELEMENTS OF **FARM** *to* **SCHOOL**



National Farm to School Network is a hub for:

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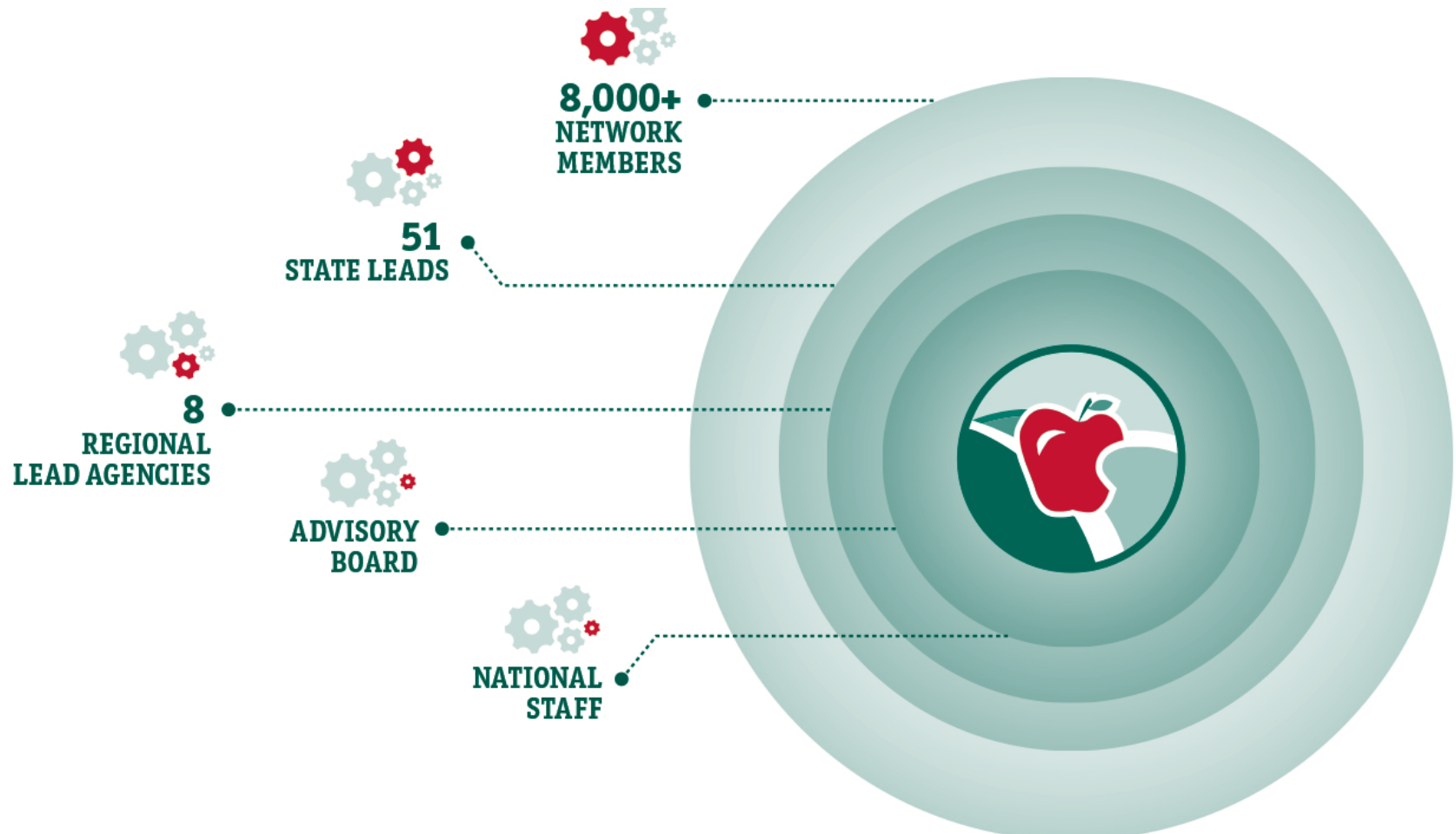
Connecting people to:

Resources

People

Policy

National Farm to School Network



NFSN Regional Lead Agencies



Northeast, VT FEED – Shelburne Farms



Mid-Atlantic, The Food Trust



South, Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group



Southeast, Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project



Great Lakes, University of Wisconsin – CIAS



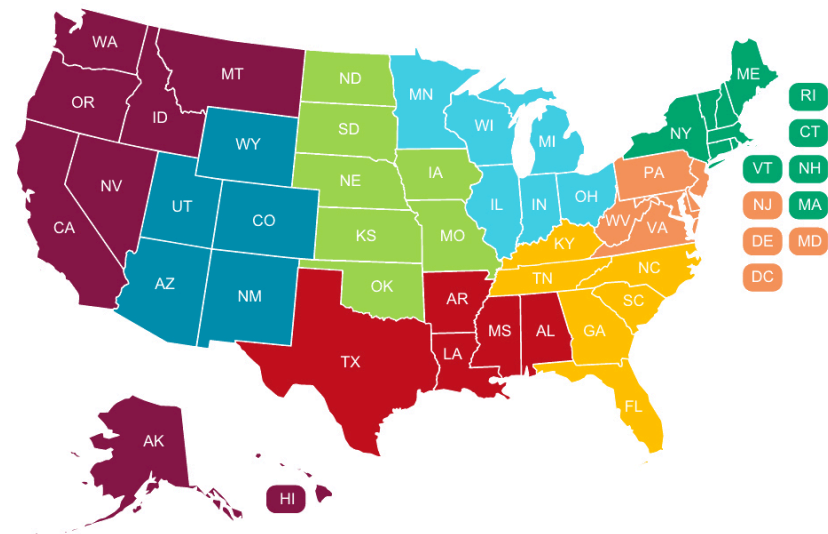
Midwest, National Center for Appropriate Technology



Southwest, Farm to Table/Southwest Marketing Network



West, Ecotrust



Why farm to school?



Kids WIN



Farmers WIN



Communities WIN



THE BENEFITS OF FARM TO SCHOOL

NFSN's Signature Events



**7TH NATIONAL
FARM TO CAFETERIA CONFERENCE**
AUSTIN, TEXAS | APRIL 15-18, 2014



Policy Supports Farm to School at All Levels

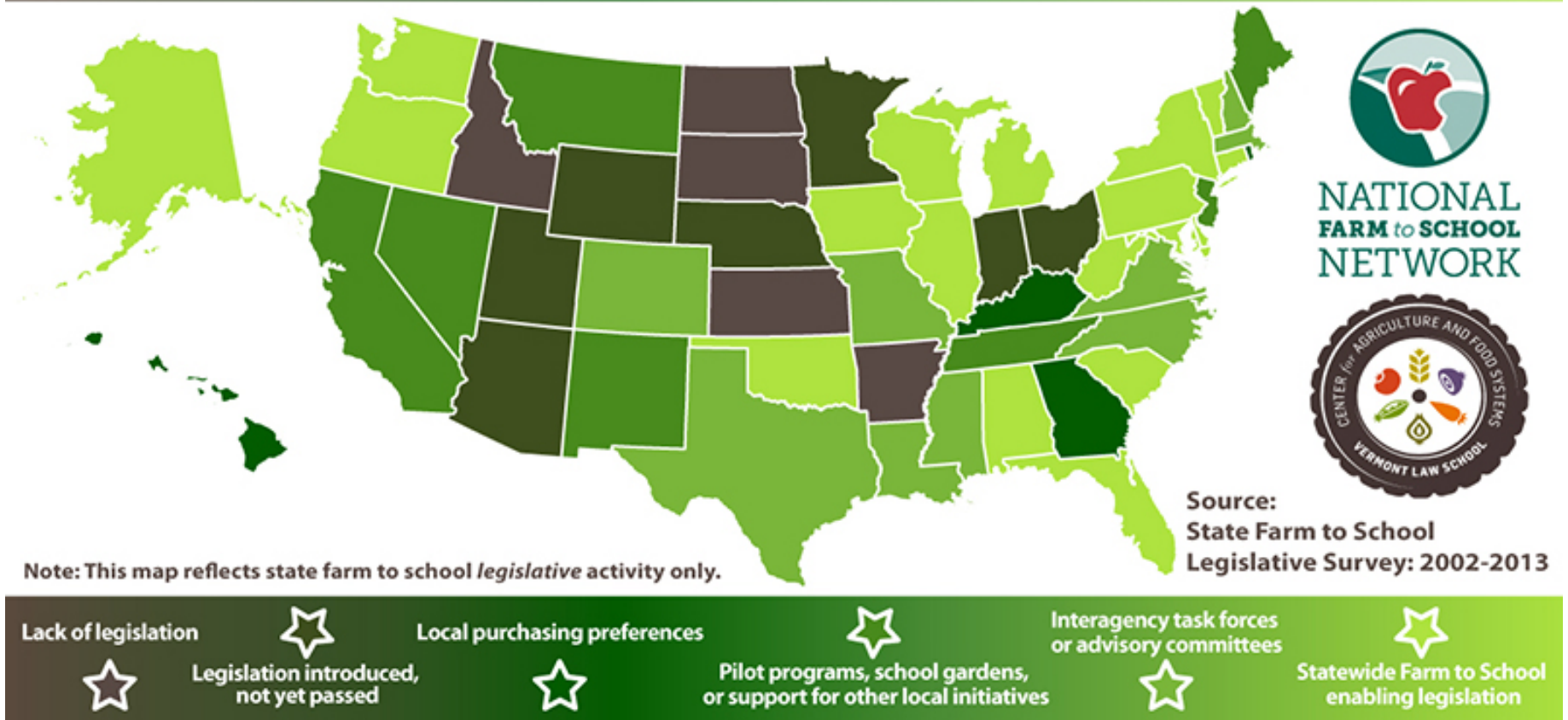
Local	State	Federal
School wellness policies	38 states and DC have supportive policies (as of 2013)	Child Nutrition Reauthorization
City level policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Los Angeles• Baltimore		Farm Bill
		Food Safety Modernization Act

State Farm to School Policy



State Farm to School Policies

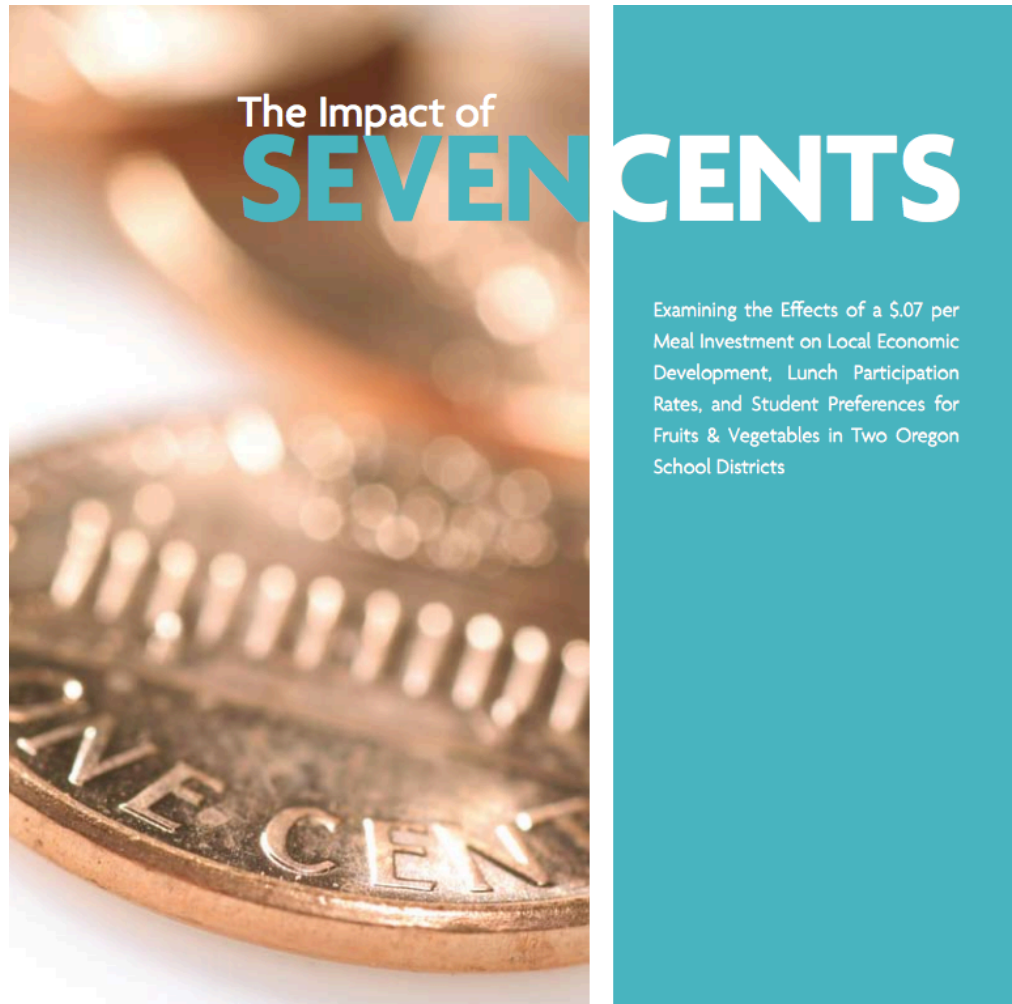
FARM TO SCHOOL LEGISLATION 2002–2013



Categories for State Policy Supporting Farm to School

- Project Implementation
- Task Force/Council/Working Group
- Pilot Program
- Budget Appropriation
- Grant Program
- Additional Reimbursement for School Food
- Local Preference
- School Gardens
- Farm to Preschool
- Statewide Coordinator Position
- Database or Directory
- Wellness or Food Security Policy
- Promotional Event or Program
- Economic Inequality
- Resolution or Proclamation
- “Other” Support

Oregon



The Impact of **SEVEN CENTS**

Examining the Effects of a \$.07 per Meal Investment on Local Economic Development, Lunch Participation Rates, and Student Preferences for Fruits & Vegetables in Two Oregon School Districts

Texas

Farm to School in Texas Recommendations for Addressing Childhood Nutrition and New Markets for Farmers

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November 19, 2008

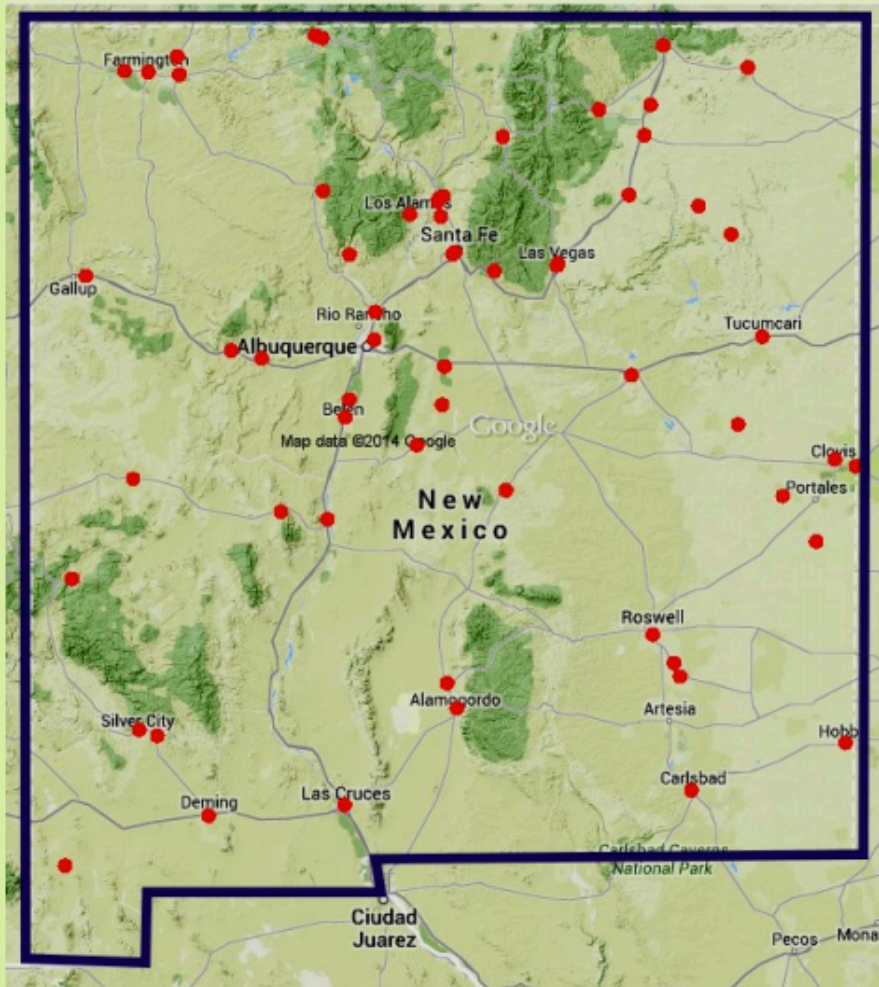


Shaping Texas' Farm-to-School Future: A Report from the Interagency Farm-to-School Coordination Task Force



Farm to Cafeteria

Connecting school communities with local farmers to bring farm fresh fruits and vegetables to the plates of children across New Mexico!



The points on this map represent school food authorities and districts who support the Farm to Cafeteria program by purchasing New Mexico grown fresh fruits and vegetables for their students.

New Mexico

**New Mexico Grown
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables
for School Meals**
- Appropriation Request: \$1.44 Million -



What Legislative funding could do:

<http://www.farmtotablenm.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/NM-Grown-Produce-for-School-Meals-Brochure-1-27.pdf>

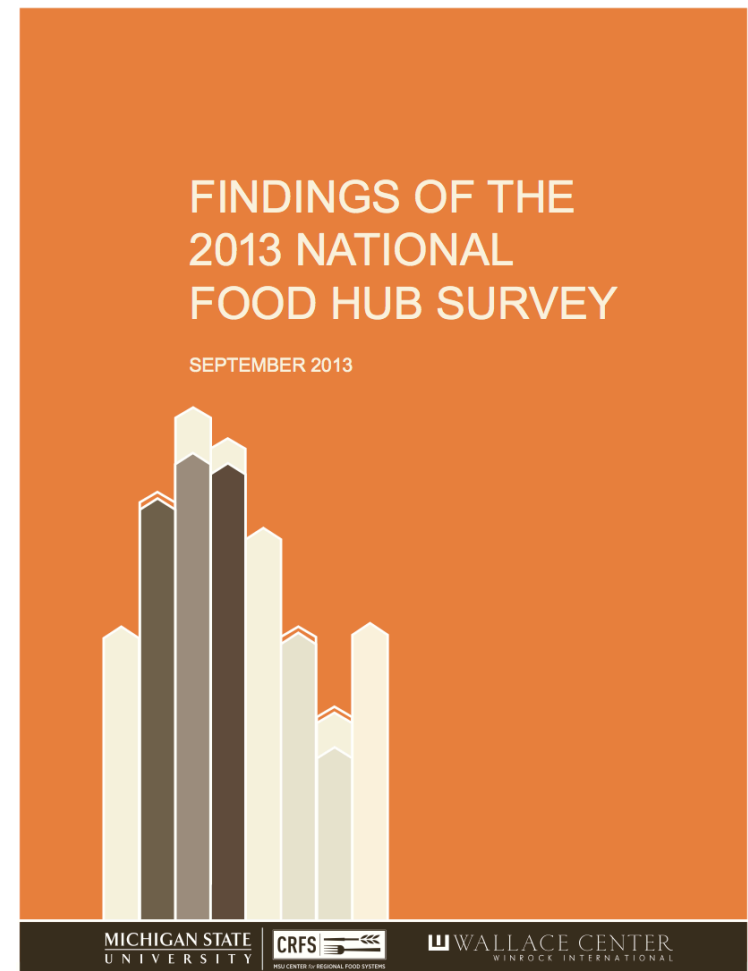
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THE FARM *to* SCHOOL CENSUS

- Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmentoschool/census#/>
- National, state, and school district data
- Types of farm to school activities and products, and much more!

Food Hubs and Farm to School

- K-12 schools are 1 of the 3 most common customers
 - 35% of food hubs sell to K-12
 - 32 percent report “many opportunities” for expansion into K-12



Choosing Your Research

- Do your homework
- Be as specific as possible
- Remember the triple win
- Know your target audience



Staying Engaged

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