

Farm Fresh Challenge FAQ



Q: Our school district has a Fall Break during October. Can we still participate?

A: Yes. Your school can participate in the Farm Fresh Challenge. Note on your attestation form which week you did not have classes. You will still need to meet the requirements for your preferred tier. Note: if there are more than four weeks in October, please complete four weeks of activities to earn recognition (see next question).

Q: October has more than one week that is less than five school days. Do we need to participate in those weeks?

A: Please complete four weeks of activities to earn recognition (choose the longer of the short weeks, if possible).

Q: I'm not sure I pledged. How can I confirm?

A: You should receive a confirmation email from Jotform when you submit your pledge. The form is also set to not allow duplicate submissions. Also, we have a list of CEs who have pledged to participate on the Farm Fresh Challenge [Home](#) page. If necessary, send an email to FarmFresh@TexasAgriculture.gov to check your pledge status.

Q: Do producers have to be a part of the Farm Fresh Network for their foods to qualify for the Farm Fresh Challenge?

A: No. If the products you purchase are from Texas, they qualify. You can encourage the producer to join the Farm Fresh Network so they're easy to find for other Child Nutrition Programs in their area.

Q: What qualifies as an "above and beyond" activity for Cream of the Crop?

A: You can find examples of activities that are considered above and beyond in the [Success Guide](#) (pp. 8-9, 14) and on the Farm Fresh Challenge [Success Stories](#) page.

Q: If our central kitchen uses some but not all locally sourced ingredients in a menu item, does that item count as a local product?

A: Yes. If you are using locally sourced ingredients in the menu item (entrees, baked goods, etc.), you can count that item as a local item.

Q: When do I submit my attestation form?

A: The attestation form will open on the last business day of October. You have until the end of November to submit your attestation form. Remember to use the tracking tool (page 15 of the Success Guide) throughout the month to make attestation fast and easy.



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