



# FARM TO EVERYTHING!

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## 2019 Spring Newsletter

### Farmer Recognition Program

There are six farms vying for the 2019 Farmer Recognition Program Award, applying to highlight their efforts to connect to New Jersey schools through on-farm field trips, hands-on education and selling produce to local schools.

Thank you to the following farms whose applications highlight how important farms are to Farm to School activities across the state.

Check out our [homepage](#) to learn more about the following six farms:

- [Cecil Creek Farm](#)
- [Cherry Valley Cooperative Farm](#)
- [Coombs Barnyard](#)
- [Honey Sweets Farm Stand](#)
- [Robbinsville Hydroponic Farm](#)
- [The Barn at Gravity Hill](#)

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## FoodCorps NJ Service Members Visit Newark's Beth Greenhouse

In late February, the [Beth Greenhouse](#), part of RWJBarnabas Health, hosted New Jersey's FoodCorps service members for a tour of the Medical Center's greenhouse as well as [Hannah's Kitchen](#), where patients and community members gather to learn how to cook and eat more fresh fruits and vegetables available at the weekly farmers market on site.

Beth Greenhouse Director Lorraine Gibbons gave a tour and shared info about the hospital's commitment to community health and wellness.



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# Growing, Cooking, Serving



## FARM TO SCHOOL:

Applications for the 2019 Jersey Fresh Farm to School Recognition Program and "Best in New Jersey" Farm to School Award are available now until May 31, 2019.

[Click here](#) to learn more and apply. Pictured at right is the 2018 award presentation at

Hopewell Elementary School in Mercer County.



## FARM TO SUMMER:

Are you including some produce grown in New Jersey in your summer meals menu?

Consider highlighting these items with a taste test vote which allows children to assess how THEY like a new fresh fruit or veg. Let them decide what is what: Loved It...Liked It...Not for Me.



## FARM TO PRESCHOOL:

In March, NJDA officials commemorated Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Week with visits to Union and Middlesex Counties.

Circle of Friends and Acelero Learning were each given a CACFP Achievement Award from the USDA for their outstanding work. [Click here](#) to learn more.



## 2019 Spring Top Tomato

Congratulations to Warren DeShields, Director of Food Services at Bridgeton Public Schools. Warren's commitment to increasing fresh fruit and vegetable consumption in the lunchroom as well as in breakfast and summer meals has won him attention from his peers both in New Jersey and across the region. [Click here](#) to learn more about Warren and all of our Farm to School Top Tomato champions.

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