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October is National Farm to School Month and Yuba City Unified School District thoroughly embraces the concept of procuring more California-grown, sustainably grown, whole or minimally processed foods from local and/or regional farmers and ranchers.

This year's National Farm to School Month theme, *Creating Thriving Communities: Local Food in Every School*, celebrates the powerful, positive impact of local procurement in creating thriving communities. When food is locally procured directly from the growers, in their region, the results are delicious: healthier, fresher school meals that students genuinely enjoy! The benefits of local procurement go beyond the plate. It also opens up a vital market opportunity for small and mid-sized farmers, offering a lifeline at a time when many are working hard to stay afloat.

Yuba City Unified School District Nutrition Services takes pride in partnering with local farms and ranchers. These valued partnerships allow us to bring fresh, locally sourced foods to our students, supporting local agriculture while providing nutritious meals to the YCUSD student community.

Thank you to our local produce vendors for partnering with YCUSD to keep the Farm to School initiative active and thriving in our community!



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Supporting Students & Families

Upholding Our Commitment
To Keep Our Community Nourished

In our dedication to ensuring that our students are well-nourished, we have compiled a range of local resources. YCUSD Nutrition Services collaborates with the Yuba-Sutter Foodbank to provide support through the Emergency Food Assistance Program and the Food Recovery Program. We encourage you to explore the many free resources available in our community to help sustain students and their families. Please visit our website at <https://www.ycUSD.org/Departments/Student-Nutrition/index.html> for more information and to view the flyer in English, Spanish, Punjabi, and Farsi. You can also scan the QR below to access the flyers.



The committee helps recommend strategies and as possible assists with implementation, monitoring, reviewing and revising school wellness policies.

If you are interested in attending YCUSD School Wellness Committee Meetings. Please email Chelsey Slattery at cslattery@ycUSD.org. The first meeting of the School Wellness Committee will be on:

Wednesday, October 14th, 2026, 10am to 11am
Yuba City Unified School District,
750 Palora Avenue, Yuba City, CA 95991



We are excited to share that YCUSD Nutrition Services still has Farmers Markets to award this year year. If you are interested in hosting a Farmers Market at your location, please complete our survey at <https://forms.gle/rVkeP7baodrJU7Rp9>

Applicants will be notified by email if they are selected to receive a Farmer's Market. This opportunity was made possible via the YCUSD Nutrition Services Department, Pro Pacific Fresh, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Fill in the information on the form and submit your responses. Your response will be recorded and we will contact you!



In the Spring if 2026, the YCUSD Nutrition Services Test Garden at the Nutrition Services Warehouse proudly launched its Hydroponic Garden.

Three items—Basil, Parsley, and Butter Crunch Lettuce—were grown from seed in a tabletop seed-starting greenhouse and later transplanted into the Hydroponic Unit. These plants were successfully harvested and served in our kitchens.

We are thrilled to extend this successful program to school sites. Four hydroponic units are available for deployment, and selected locations will receive all necessary supplies and training. Schools interested in participating in Hydroponic Gardening can contact Chelsey Slattery at cslattery@ycUSD.org.

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