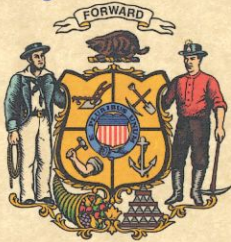


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's farmers and food system workers play an essential role in the prosperity of rural and urban communities alike, providing local fruits, vegetables, dairy products, meats, and grains to all Wisconsinites and working diligently to nourish and maintain food access for the state's youth; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Farm to School Advisory Council within the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) joins the National Farm to School Network in its commitment to ending inequities in the state's food systems and expanding nutrition security for all students; and

WHEREAS; as part of the National Farm to School Network, the Wisconsin Farm to School and Early Care and Education Network engages local food businesses, community leaders, educators, policymakers, parents, caregivers, and students in creating resilient food communities throughout the state and addressing disparities in access to program benefits; and

WHEREAS; in collaboration with the Wisconsin Farm to School Network, DATCP's Farm to School and Institution Program supports local food businesses, equitable food systems, and supply chain developments by connecting food suppliers to local procurement initiatives and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) similarly strengthens connections between schools and local agriculture by expanding the Wisconsin Local Foods Database, providing technical assistance and professional development, administering U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm to School funding, and developing resources that support local procurement, nutrition education, and school gardens, which has increased the capacity of schools to serve Wisconsin-grown foods, engage students in hands-on learning, and build lasting partnerships that support healthy students, local farmers, and resilient communities; and

WHEREAS; more than 110 early care and education providers serving more than 3,700 kids are engaging in farm to early care and education activities including using local foods in their early care and education centers, gardening with children, and incorporating nutrition education into classroom activities; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins DATCP and DPI, along with kids, families, educators, and schools across the state, in celebrating Wisconsin Farm to School and Early Care and Education Month, the Wisconsin Great Apple Crunch, and in expressing appreciation for the state's local farmers, resilient and thriving local food systems, and school nutrition professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 2026 as

WISCONSIN FARM TO SCHOOL AND EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in
the City of Madison this 21st day
of September 2026.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski
SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State