

A photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, a brown dog is sitting in a field of tall green grass. A wire fence runs across the middle ground. In the background, there are trees and a house on a hill under a bright sky.

Sustainable Agriculture Resources and Programs for K-12 Youth

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SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS FOR K-12 YOUTH

This guide to sustainable agriculture-oriented educational opportunities for schoolchildren features more than 50 programs and curricula nationwide, from “Growing Minds,” a program linking the garden and agriculture in Appalachia, to “French Fries and the Food System,” a year-round curriculum focusing on ways youth can better understand land and local food systems. Includes direct links, program contact information and ideas for integrating lessons into school programs.

AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM NATIONAL RESOURCE DIRECTORY

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Cooperative State Research,
Education and Extension Service
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Stop 2251
Washington, DC 20250-2251
(202) 720-2727

<http://www.agclassroom.org/>

Age Range: Prekindergarten – Grade 12

Location: National

The Agriculture in the Classroom website provides a searchable online directory containing hundreds of educational materials about agriculture. Search: “sustainable ag” for a list of resources. The materials have been recommended by educators on the AITC National Review Team. The site also includes teacher resources, a student center, and information about state programs.

BK FARMYARDS

<http://www.bkfarmyards.com/>

<http://www.bkfarmyards.blogspot.com/p/high-school-for-public-service-youth.html>

Contact via email: bee@bkfarmyards.com

Age Range: High School

Location: Brooklyn

High school students in Brooklyn learn about sustainable agriculture in an urban setting. Through work on backyard farms they learn the science of composting, integrated pest management, water conservation, and soil health, and see firsthand the connection between healthy food and healthy communities.

BULLFROG FILMS

PO Box 149
Oley, PA 19547
(800) 543-3764

www.bullfrogfilms.com

Age Range: Grade 7 and above

Location: National

Bullfrog Films provides educational videos and films about the environment. Titles that may be suitable for youth education include *Beyond Organic*, *The Vision of Fairview Gardens*; *Broken Limbs*, *Apples*, *Agriculture*, and *the New American Farmer*; and *Deconstructing Supper*, *Is Your Food Safe*.

CENTER FOR ECOLITERACY

The David Brower Center
2150 Allston Way, Suite 270
Berkeley, CA 94704-1377
(510) 845-4595

<http://www.ecoliteracy.org/>

Age Range: All Ages (Students, Educators, and Parents)

Location: National

The Center for Ecoliteracy promotes green schooling and is known for its work with school gardens, school lunches, and integrating ecological principles and sustainability into school curricula. They offer books, teaching guides and other resources including:

- *Smart by Nature: Schooling for Sustainability* (foreword by Daniel Goleman);
- *Ecological Literacy: Educating Our Children for a Sustainable World* (foreword by David W. Orr);
- *Big Ideas: Linking Food, Culture, Health, and the Environment* (foreword by Michael Pollan).

CENTER FOR INTEGRATED AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS (CIAS), *TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, A CURRICULUM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS*

1535 Observatory Dr.
Madison , WI 53706
(608) 262-8188

www.cias.wisc.edu/curriculum/index.htm

Age Range: High School
Location: National

CIAS brings together university faculty, farmers, policy makers, and others to study relationships between farming practices, farm profitability, the environment, and rural vitality. Among the educational materials offered is *Toward a Sustainable Agriculture, a curriculum for high school students!* The curriculum is available online in six modules. It is an ongoing project developed by the Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems at the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences ([CALS](#)). Development of this curriculum was funded in part by a grant from the North Central Region — Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program ([NCR-SARE](#)).

COMMUNITY FOOD SYSTEMS AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

<http://agebb.missouri.edu/sustain/sustainkids.htm>

Age Range: All Ages
Location: Missouri

The Community Food Systems and Sustainable Agriculture Program provides sustainable agriculture education programs for youth and adults in Missouri. Youth materials include *Show-Me Sustainable Agriculture*, *Corn Story* and *Our Daily Bread*, available on the website.

CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

52 Mayo Street
PO.Box 3792
Portland, Maine 04104-3792
(207) 761-GROW

www.cultivatingcommunity.org

Age Range: Elementary – High School
Location: Maine, National examples

The Cultivating Community group strives to grow sustainable communities. Using urban and school gardens, the group teaches leadership and stewardship to youth. High-school youth participate in a summer growers program to receive job training, and education on food systems and sustainability. Information on this and other projects can be found on the website.

DISCOVERING THE FOOD SYSTEM

Department of Horticulture
Cornell University
134A Plant Sciences Building
Ithaca, NY 14853
(607) 255-4568/1789

www.hort.cornell.edu/foodsys/

Age Range: 12 — 18
Location: National

This guided program is about how food gets from the farm to the table. Participants use their own “backyards” – school cafeterias, local food stores, restaurants, nearby farms – to learn about the food system. They gain an understanding of how the food they eat relates to the food system and affects their community. The 186-page program is available for download at the website. (Examples focus on the northeastern U.S. but can be applied to other regions.)

DUNBAR GARDEN PROJECT

1800 S. Chester Street
Little Rock, AR, 72204
(501) 529-8520

www.dunbargarden.org

Age Range: Elementary — Middle School
Location: Little Rock, Arkansas

This two-acre “outdoor classroom” uses the garden to teach where food comes from and the principles of environmental stewardship. The focus is on hands-on, outdoor experiential education.

ECOIDS: RAISING CHILDREN WHO CARE FOR THE EARTH

New Society Publishers
PO Box 189
Gabriola Island, BC
Canada, V0R 1X0
(250) 247-9737

<http://www.newsociety.com/bookid/3885>

Age Range: All Ages
Location: National

EcoKids, written by Dan Chiras, provides case studies of children who are making a difference offers a plan to help parents foster love for nature, teach children the importance of environmental protection, promote environmental values and inspire action. The book includes, short pieces that highlight serious problems such as global warming, along with positive solutions that can be read aloud to children, and activities for children and their families. *EcoKids* also contains a resource guide that lists helpful books, articles, videos, and organizations related to the material covered within its pages.

EDIBLE SCHOOLYARD

Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
1781 Rose Street
Berkeley, CA 94703
(510) 558-1335

www.edibleschoolyard.org

Age Range: Middle School
Location: Berkeley, California, plus affiliates in five cities

Edible Schoolyard integrates an organic garden into the school’s curriculum and lunch program. Students are involved in all aspects of the garden from planting and harvesting to preparing and serving what they grow. The website includes journals, videos, archive posts, and participation guides.

FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

3830 SE Division St,
Portland OR 97202
(503) 954-2970

<http://foodsecurity.org/>

Age Range: Kindergarten — Grade 12
Location: National

The website provides resources, assistance, and information about the farm-to-school program. Links to publications and other resources are available.

FEEDING MINDS, FIGHTING HUNGER

Food and Nutrition Division, FAO,
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00100
Rome, Italy

<http://www.feedingminds.org/>

Age Range: Elementary – High School
Location: National

The mission of Feeding Minds, Fighting Hunger is to help eradicate hun-

ger and malnutrition through education. The group has developed classroom lessons, available through the website, that provide a starting point for teachers who want to introduce the topic of world hunger. Each lesson provides modules suitable for elementary, middle school, or high school students.

FOOD, LAND & PEOPLE

Project Food, Land & People
c/o John H. Davis
65 Poinsetta Rd SE
Scio, OH 43988
(480) 963-7959

<http://www.foodlandpeople.org/>

Age Range: Prekindergarten – Grade 12

Location: National

Food, Land & People provide educational resources to help educators and students better understand the interrelationships between agriculture, the environment, and people of the world. Many of the resources are available in English or Spanish and all are listed under “Resources for Learning” on the website. Lesson descriptions and ordering information are provided.

THE FOOD PROJECT

The Food Project
10 Lewis Street
Lincoln, MA 01773
(781) 259-8621

<http://thefoodproject.org/>

Age Range: High School

Location: Massachusetts

Teens in the Boston area have the opportunity to farm on 37 acres in eastern Massachusetts. They, along with adult volunteers, grow organic vegetables, which are donated to homeless shelters and sold at urban farmers markets and to families in suburban Boston. In addition to learning about sustainable agriculture, the teens gain skills and job experience.

The website contains more information about the main youth projects – the Summer Youth Program, the Academic Year Program, and the Alumni Internship Program. Also look for the “Toolbox” link, which contains links to books (e.g. *French Fries and the Food System: A Year Round Curriculum Connecting Youth with Farming and Food*), manuals, activities, and curriculum.

THE FOOD TRUST

One Penn Center
Suite 900
1617 John F. Kennedy Blvd.
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 575-0444

<http://www.thefoodtrust.org>

Age Range: Kindergarten – High School

Location: Philadelphia

This food security, nutrition education, and sustainable farming nonprofit advocacy group works to improve nutrition and the supply of affordable food in the mid-Atlantic region. Among their projects are Kindergarten Initiative, which helps integrate the concepts of nutrition into regular school curriculum, and the School Market Program, a hand-on learning curriculum that teaches students to improve their diets, develop employment and entrepreneurial skills, and educate themselves about issues that affect their health and the health of their communities. Details on these projects and others can be found on the website.

F.R.E.S.H.

c/o Gemma E. Moran/United Way Labor Food Center
Box 429, 374 Broad Street
New London, CT 06320
(860) 444-8050

<http://freshnewlondon.org/index.html>

Age Range: Kindergarten – High School
Location: New London, Connecticut

Food: Resources, Education, Security, Health (F.R.E.S.H.) youth programs use sustainable agriculture to teach leadership, critical thinking, and business skills. Learning takes place at a community garden where garden-based curricula guides hand-on experiences.

GARDEN-RAISED BOUNTY (GRUB)

2016 Elliott Ave NW
Olympia, WA 98502
(360) 753-5522

<http://www.goodgrub.org>

Age Range: Teens
Location: Washington

Though the Cultivating Youth programs, GRuB works with local schools and youth agencies to employ teens on its urban farm. Elementary and middle-school students are introduced to the farm through field trips. The programs focus on building youths' nutrition, self-esteem, community connections, and academic enthusiasm.

GREENMARKET YOUTH EDUCATION PROJECT

51 Chambers Street
Room 228 New York
New York 10007
(212) 788-7900

<http://www.grownyc.org/greenmarket/education>

Age Range: Kindergarten – Grade 12
Location: New York City

The Greenmarket Youth Education Project helps NYC schoolchildren learn about the importance of agriculture in their daily lives. Through classroom visits by farmers, field trips to area farms, and hands-on learning, kids discover the connection between what happens in the field and what appears on their plates. Specially developed curricula and other educational materials support the project's activities. The site includes links to lesson plans. Greenmarket Youth Education Project is part of GrowNYC, a nonprofit offering environmental programs in the New York City area.

GROW HARTFORD

86 Park Street, Second Floor
Hartford, CT 06106
(860) 296-9325

<http://www.hartfordfood.org/n/programs/grow-hartford-n.html>

Age Range: High School
Location: Hartford, Connecticut

Three inner-city sites have become outdoor classrooms through the Grow Hartford program. Youth learn about food security, nutrition, and sustainable agriculture while developing work and leadership skills.

GROWING MINDS

Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project
306 West Haywood Street
Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 236-1282
<http://growing-minds.org/>
Kindergarten – Grade 5
North Carolina

This Farm to School Program of the Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Program allows students K-5 to have direct contact with area farmers. The website provides program resources for teachers and others who wish to be part of the program.

GROWING POWER

Milwaukee Headquarters
5500 W. Silver Spring Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53218
(414) 527-1546
Fax: (414) 527-1908

Growing Power Chicago Projects Office
2215 W. North Avenue
Chicago, IL 60647
(773) 486-6005
Age Range: 10 – Teens
Location: Milwaukee, WI and Chicago, IL

Growing Power's Youth Corp is an entrepreneurial youth development, apprenticeship program that offers youth from low-income backgrounds academic and hands-on experience in urban agriculture. The program focuses on developing leadership and entrepreneurial skills. Farm training includes learning organic production methods, record keeping, harvesting, marketing and food preparation. Participants learn how to build community food systems and how to educate and mentor others.

HEALTHY FOODS FROM HEALTHY SOILS: A HANDS-ON RESOURCE FOR TEACHERS

Tilbury House, Publishers
103 Brunswick Avenue
Gardiner, Maine 04345
(800) 582-1899
<http://www.tilburyhouse.com/childrens/healthy-foods-from-healthy-soils.htm>

Age Range: Kindergarten – Grade 6
Location: National

This 192-page book contains activities to help children learn about growing and selecting healthy foods. Children discover how the food choices they make impact those who grow it, the environment, and their community. Teachers can adapt the material to meet their needs. Activities contain background information, suggestions for materials, and instructions. The Web site includes a few links to selected Internet resources.

HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL

Heifer International
1 World Avenue
Little Rock, AR 72202
(800) 422-0474
<http://www.heifer.org>
Age Range: Prekindergarten – Middle School
Location: National

Heifer International provides educational resources to help teachers cover the issue of global hunger in their classrooms. The "Learn" section of the website contains links to the educational programs. Most contain downloadable teaching kits.

JANUS YOUTH PROGRAMS

Administrative Office
707 NE Couch Street
Portland, OR 97232
(503) 233-6090

<http://janusyouth.org/what-we-do/urban-agriculture-services.php>

Age Range: High School
Location: Portland, Oregon

The Janus Youth Urban Agriculture program Food Works gives high-school-aged kids the opportunity to earn school credit through work on its garden and farm plot. Students plan, plant, and grow organic produce then arranging to sell and donate it. Participants use sustainable gardening and farming practices, and develop leadership, business, and other life skills.

JONES VALLEY URBAN FARM

PO Box 55357
Birmingham, AL 35255
(205) 439-7213

<http://www.jvuf.org/education.php>

Age Range: Preschool – High School
Location: Birmingham

The Jones Valley Urban Farm in downtown Birmingham teaches sustainable agriculture and nutrition to youth through a variety of programs, including an accredited high school Agriscience program, a K-8 nutrition education field trip program and preschool gardening. Teacher workshops are available. The website contains the full list and descriptions of the programs.

JOURNEY TO PLANET EARTH

Screenscope, Inc.
4330 Yuma Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016
(202) 364-0055

<http://www.pbs.org/journeytoplanetearth/>

Age Range: All Ages
Location: National

This PBS series of one-hour specials explores global environmental issues. In *Land of Plenty*, *Land of Want* the focus is on sustainable agriculture in four distinctly different countries. Viewers see farming methods used throughout the world and will find commonalities among the problems faced by farmers. The *Land of Plenty* program and accompanying teaching materials (available on the website) were funded in part by SARE. The series is available for purchase.

KIDS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE (KIDS)

140 East 72nd Street
#14B
New York, NY 10021
(212) 861-0911

<http://kidscanmakeadifference.org/>

Age Range: Middle School – High School
Location: National

The KIDS program educates students about the root causes of hunger and poverty and who is most affected, and then it helps them identify actions they can take to help. The curriculum was designed for middle and high school students but has been used in elementary through graduate schools. It contains 25 lessons, fundraising ideas, and a listing of available videos and books that can support the lessons.

KIDS COOK FARM-FRESH FOODS

David Brower Center
2150 Allston Way, Suite 320
Berkeley, CA 94704-1381
(510) 526-1793

<http://www.sagecenter.org/projects/public-education-outreach/>

Age Range: Grades 2 — 7

Location: National

This activity guide includes recipes, activities, and farm profiles, and is designed to allow teachers flexibility in using it within their curriculum. It was authored by Sibella Kraus of Sustainable Agriculture Education and published by the California Department of Education.

LAND'S SAKE GREEN POWER

27 Crescent Street
Weston, MA 02493
(781) 893-1162

<http://www.landssake.org>

Age Range: Grades 6 — 12

Location: Massachusetts

Middle-school-aged children learn the basics about agriculture, forestry, and local ecology in this year-round program. With a focus on land stewardship, Green Power activities introduce sustainable concepts that become part of each participant's decision-making process as they work on their own vegetable garden at the Land's Sake farm. Leadership opportunities are available through a junior apprenticeship program for high-school-aged youth.

LIBERTY PRAIRIE

32400 N. Harris Road
Grayslake, Illinois 60030
(847) 548-5989

<http://www.libertyprairie.org/whatwedo/sustainable.html>

Age Range: Kindergarten – Grade 8

Location: National

The Liberty Prairie Conservancy offers a sustainable agriculture curriculum for grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. The lesson plans are available for download from the website.

LIFE LAB

1156 High Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95064
(831) 459-2001

<http://www.lifelab.org/index.php?page-programs>

<http://www.lifelab.org/store-storehome.html>

Age Range: Preschool – Grade 8

Location: National

Youth learn about science and the environment through garden-centered educational programs developed by the Life Lab Science Program. Through the website educators can order curriculum and activity guides. Although this is a California-based program, Life Lab will conduct teacher training nationwide upon request.

LINKING FOOD AND THE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM (LiFE)

[Center for Food & Environment](#)

Teachers College, Columbia University

525 West 120th St.

New York, NY 10027

(212) 678-3000

<http://www.tc.columbia.edu/LiFE/>

Age Range: Grades 4 – 6

Location: National

LiFE is a two-year, inquiry-based science education and nutrition program for urban children, teachers and parents. It uses the study of food and food systems to teach life sciences and nutrition. The program consists of a student curriculum that addresses many national science education standards and nutrition guidelines, a teacher component that provides education and support to instructors, and a parent component that provides workshops and opportunities to assist in the classroom.

LISTENING TO THE PRAIRIE: FARMING IN NATURE'S IMAGE

Smithsonian Information

PO Box 37012

SI Building, Room 153, MRC 010

Washington, D.C. 20013-7012

(202) 633-1000

<http://forces.si.edu/educators.html>

Age Range: Prekindergarten – Grade 12

Location: National

Listening to the Prairie is a traveling exhibition that investigates the history of the North American prairie and new approaches to agriculture in America. It includes stunning photographs and features the stories and insights of four progressive farmers and ranchers who reinvented their work to preserve their way of life. Educational materials for teachers, school group leaders, and families are available to accompany tours of the exhibit. The exhibit was created by the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History Forces of Change program with partial funding from SARE.

LOCAL FOOD TO LOCAL PEOPLE: ENLARGING A REGIONAL FOOD SYSTEM THROUGH NUTRITION EDUCATION

Community Mercantile

901 Iowa

Lawrence, KS 66044

(785) 843-8544

<http://communitymercantile.com/>

Age Range: Middle School

Location: Kansas

The Community Mercantile Education Foundation has coordinated an extensive education program to increase the consumption of locally grown and produced foods and consequently expand the market for local producers. Outreach to youth includes developing a school garden at an area junior high that will be maintained by students. The garden project will include job training, mentoring, selling produce grown in the garden during the summer, and using garden produce in the cafeteria in the fall.

NATIONAL FARMERS UNION

20 F Street NW

Suite 300

Washington, DC 20001

(202) 554-1600

<http://nfu.org/about/education/education-materials>

Age Range: Grades 1 – 12

Location: National

The National Farmers Union has developed a curriculum for grades 1-12 around the areas of environmental stewardship, citizenship, and the value of purchasing food locally from sustainable farms. Overviews and lesson plans are available on the website.

NATURAL RESOURCES, THE ENVIRONMENT, AND ECOSYSTEMS

Office of Extension and Outreach

214 Mumford Hall (MC-710)

1301 W. Gregory Dr.

Urbana, IL 61801

(217) 333-5900

<http://urbanext.illinois.edu/ecosystems/overview.html>

Age Range: Grades 7-8

Location: National

Six teacher guides on ecosystems, climate, wildlife, integrated pest management, soil, and sustainable agriculture are available on the website. The lessons contain activities that help students become more aware of how plants, animals, and humans interact within ecosystems, and how one influences the other. The activities can be used singly or with other projects.

NATICK FARM

117 Eliot Street

Natick, MA 01760

(508) 655-2204

<http://www.natickfarm.org>

Preschool – Grade 12

Massachusetts

This nonprofit, certified organic farm offers sustainable agriculture educational opportunities to youth of all ages. School, public, and Scout programs have been designed to supplement classroom curriculum by providing hands-on experiences.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION - SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION (NCR-SARE) YOUTH AND YOUTH EDUCATOR GRANTS: CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Missouri Office (Youth & Youth

(573) 681-5545

Educator Contact):

Main Office:

NCR-SARE

NCR-SARE

Lincoln University

120 BAE, University of Minnesota

South Campus Bldg

1390 Eckles Avenue

900 Leslie Blvd, Room 101

St. Paul, MN 55108

Jefferson City, MO 65101

(612) 626-3113

(800) 529-1342

<http://www.sare.org/ncrsare/cfp.htm>

Age Range: Ages 8-18 and Educators

Location: Regional

Youth grants and youth educator grants are available to provide youth in the North Central Region opportunities to learn more about sustainable agriculture. *Youth grants* are for hands-on, on-farm sustainable agriculture research and demonstration projects, or education projects that involve teaching others about sustainable agriculture or attending a sustainable agriculture conference, workshop, or camp. *Youth educator grants* provide educators programming on sustainable agriculture for youth.

NORTHEAST ORGANIC FARMING ASSOCIATION VERMONT (NOFA)

PO Box 697

Food Works at Two Rivers Center

39 Bridge St, 2nd Floor

64 Main Street

Richmond, VT 05477

Montpelier, VT 05602

(802) 434-4122

(802) 223-1515

<http://www.nofavt.org>

<http://foodworksvermont.org/>

Age Range: Kindergarten – Grade 8

Location: Vermont

NOFA provides agricultural education opportunities for Vermont. *The Farm to School Mentor Program* expands agricultural awareness and education by linking farmers, gardeners, educators, children, and community

members. The *Vermont Food Education Every Day* program aims to improve the diets and eating patterns of schoolchildren by helping local farmers market to and establish purchasing contracts with schools, while also increasing students' knowledge of sustainable farming systems. This program includes a five-day summer training institute for teachers and a 10-week mentorship.

OCCIDENTAL ARTS AND ECOLOGY CENTER (OAEC) School Garden Program

The Occidental Arts & Ecology Center
15290 Coleman Valley Road
Occidental, CA 95465
(707) 874-1557 x201
<http://www.oaec.org/>
Age Range: Educators and Parents
Location: California

The School Garden Program is a five-day intensive summer training program where teachers and parents receive information about organic gardening, permaculture, nutrition, team building, fundraising, art in the garden, and more. OAEC has also produced *The Guide for Linking School Gardens to California Academic Content Standards*, which demonstrates how California state *educational standards can be taught with garden-based education. The guide offers specific curricula enabling teachers to link their school gardens with state standard subject matter.*

ORGANIC VALLEY YOUTH RESOURCES

Organic Valley Family of Farms, CROPP Cooperative
One Organic Way
LaFarge, WI 54639
(888) 444-6455
<http://www.organicvalley.coop/community/overview/>
Age Range: All Ages
Location: National

Organic Valley™ has become the largest organic farmers' cooperative in North America. Check the "Community" section of the website for youth resources such as Ovie's Underground.

PRACTICAL FARMERS OF IOWA

137 Lynn Ave.
Suite 200
Ames, Iowa 50014
(515) 232-5661
<http://www.practicalfarmers.org/>
Age Range: 7 – 18
Location: Iowa

Practical Farmers of Iowa researches, develops and promotes profitable, ecologically sound, and community-enhancing approaches to agriculture. Youth initiatives include the Youth and Family Summer Camp where hands-on activities are used to teach the relationships between food, farming, the environment, and communities; and the Youth Leadership Program that trains young adults to be camp counselors and provides field-based experiential education, skill building, and career exploration opportunities in sustainable agriculture and ecology-related fields.

PRAIRIE CROSSING LEARNING FARM

The Prairie Crossing Institute
32400 N. Harris Road
Grayslake, Illinois 60030
(847) 548-5400
<http://prairiecrossing.com/farm/learning.php>
Age Range: Kindergarten – Grade 12
Location: Illinois

Led by a staff with expertise in both agriculture and teaching, the Prairie Crossing Learning Farm uses agriculture to help teach science, math, nutrition, social studies, economics, and leadership to youth, ages 5 through 18. Concepts of environmental stewardship, sustainable growth, and organic agriculture are part of all the programs. Youth have opportunities to participate during the school day, after school, and over the summer.

REAP (RESEARCH, EDUCATION, ACTION AND POLICY) FOOD GROUP

306 E. Wilson St. Suite 2E

Madison, WI 53703

(608) 310-7836

<http://www.reapfoodgroup.org/Programs-Events/farm-to-school.html>

Age Range: Kindergarten - Grade 12

Location: Wisconsin, National examples

REAP strives to bridge the gap between the farm and the dinner table. Through projects connected to the Farm to School Program, REAP is able to work with school children of all ages, introducing them to healthy snacks and teaching them how to choose and prepare fresh food. These and other related projects are described on the website.

RETHINKING SCHOOL LUNCH

Center for Ecoliteracy

The David Brower Center

2150 Allston Way, Suite 270

Berkeley, CA 94704-1377

(510) 845-4595

<http://www.ecoliteracy.org/downloads/rethinking-school-lunch-guide>

Age Range: All Ages

Location: National

Rethinking School Lunch is a Web guide that supports the business planning process for innovative school lunch programs. Based on a food systems approach, which links student health and well-being with improved performance, it offers a comprehensive overview of 10 key components vital to the success of any school lunch program.

RIVERWAY LEARNING COMMUNITY

115 Iowa Street

Minnesota City, MN 55959-1139

(507) 689-2844

<http://www.rwlc.org/se3bin/clientschool.cgi?schoolname=school341>

Age Range: Prekindergarten — 6th Grade

Location: Minnesota City

Riverway Learning Community is a tuition-free, Minnesota public charter school that was established in 2000. The school is sponsored by Audubon Center of the North Woods, an environmental learning center in Sandstone, Minnesota. The school is committed to sustainability in its vision and has an emphasis on environmental education. For more information see the final report for NCR-SARE Youth Educator Grant project, YENC09-001, Seed to Seed: Riverway Learning Community Gardening Project at: <http://www.sare.org/index.htm>. Click on the Project Reports tab.

ROOTED IN COMMUNITY

c/o Earth Island Institute

2150 Allston Way, Suite 460

Berkeley, CA 94704-1375

(510) 735-9849

<http://www.rootedincommunity.org/>

Age Range: All Ages

Location: National

Rooted in Community is a diverse movement of youth and adults who are committed to building healthy communities through urban and rural agriculture, environmental justice, community gardening, and food security.

Sow WHAT?

Girl Scouts of the USA
420 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10018-2798
(800)GSUSA 4 U [(800) 478-7248] or (212) 852-8000
<http://www.girlscouts.org/>
Age Range: Grades 9 — 12
Location: National

This program is part of a Senior leadership journey called, It's Your Planet — Love It! It is a coordinated series of activities grouped around the theme of food. Participants look at local and global food issues and carry out an action project. *The content of all Girl Scout journeys have been correlated (by grade level) to the new national Common Core Standards and the 21st Century Skills standards, as well as to the Health & PE, Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies learning objectives for all 50 states and the District of Columbia.*

SCREECH OWL FARM SCHOOL

185 Screech Owl
Moncure, NC 27559
(919) 542-0333
<http://www.screechowl.com/>
Age Range: Prekindergarten – Grade 5
Location: National

In addition to afterschool and summer youth programs, Screech Owl Farm School is developing a sustainable agriculture curriculum for prekindergarten through 5th grade students. Lessons are tied to local, state, and national curriculum standards and come with extensions of up to 6 hours on each topic so that they can be used by 4H (www.farmschool.com). More information and the finished lessons can be found on the website.

SLOW FOOD U.S.A.

20 Jay Street, Suite M04
Brooklyn, NY 11201
(718) 260-8000
<http://www.slowfoodusa.org/>
Age Range: All Ages
Location: National

Slow Food U.S.A. supports and promotes the educational and outreach activities of local chapters that advocate sustainability and bio-diversity. Educational efforts include gardens, summer camp, and school programs for youth where children learn about food through planting and harvesting crops, and preparing meals to share with one another.

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION (SARE) PROGRAM OF USDA, NIFA

1122 Patapsco Building
University of Maryland
College Park, MD 20742-6715
(301) 405-2689
<http://www.sare.org>
Age Range: Grades 9 — 12 and educators
Location: National

Since 1988 SARE has helped advance farming systems that are profitable, environmentally sound, and good for communities through a nationwide research and education grants program. The program, part of USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), funds projects and conducts outreach designed to improve agricultural systems. SARE Outreach publishes books, bulletins, and online resources highlighting SARE-funded project results and other innovative research. Most of SARE Outreach's information is available in print and online. They have been evaluated by educators on the Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC) National Review Team and recommended for the grade levels listed. Resources include: *Youth Renewing the Countryside* (a book produced by Renewing the Countryside and published by SARE); the brochure: *What is Sustainable*

Agriculture?; The SARE National Continuing Education Program in Sustainable Agriculture, a continuing education program designed primarily for Cooperative Extension, Natural Resource Conservation Service personnel, and other agricultural, natural resource and community development professionals. It is appropriate for youth educators. It emphasizes core concepts and a basic understanding of sustainable agriculture.

SUSTAINABLE TABLE

GRACE

215 Lexington Ave, Suite 1001

New York, NY 10016

(212) 991-1930

<http://www.sustainabletable.org>

Age Range: Grades 5 – 12

Location: National

Sustainable Table is a nonprofit dedicated to educating consumers about issues related to a healthy food supply. With an emphasis on sustainable practices that yield healthy food, the website offers a collection of information and links to resources to help teachers interested in using food- and agriculture-related lessons in their classrooms.

TROY GARDENS YOUTH GROW

3601 Memorial Drive, Suite 4

Madison, WI 53704

(608) 240-0409

<http://www.troygardens.org/what-we-do/youth-grow-local>

Age Range: Elementary – High School

Location: Madison, Wisconsin

Troy Gardens, a community owned and managed property, developed the Youth Grow program to help schoolchildren learn to grow and prepare healthy food. A curriculum and professional development opportunities are available to teachers and community educators. The website profiles each of the Youth Grow projects.

UP WE GROW! A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF A SMALL, LOCAL FARM

Kids Can Press Ltd.

2250 Military Road, Tonawanda NY 14150

(800) 265-0884

<http://www.kidscanpress.com/US/product.aspx?productid=3196>

Age Range: Pre-Kindergarten to 2nd Grade

Location: National

This picture book, written by Deborah Hodge and illustrated by Brian Harris, helps young children understand sustainable, organic farming, eating locally, and environmental stewardship. Children are invited into the world of a small, co-operative farm over four seasons. Readers discover the production practices and human interactions that makes up small-scale, local farm culture.

WISCONSIN FARMERS UNION CAMP PROGRAM

117 West Spring Street

Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

(715) 723-5561

<http://www.wisconsinfarmersunion.com/>

19161 79th Avenue

Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

(715) 723-6137

<http://www.kampkenwood.com/>

Age Range: Ages 8 – 18

Location: Wisconsin

Wisconsin Farmers Union is committed to enhancing the quality of life for family farmers and rural communities through educational opportunities like Kamp Kenwood. This summer camp program for youth ages 8-18 teaches kids about cooperatives, leadership, family farms, rural communities, cultural awareness, social justice, local and global citizenship conservation, and sustainability.

YOUNG AGRARIANS – CHANGING THE FACE OF AGRICULTURE

Center for Sustainable Environments

at Northern Arizona University

PO Box 5765

Flagstaff, AZ 86011

(928) 523-0637

<http://www.environment.nau.edu/youngagrarians/>

Age Range: All Ages (especially High School and College students)

Location: National

This 25-minute educational video and accompanying 9-page resource guide are appropriate for all ages but are geared toward high school and college-age students who have an interest in agricultural careers. The guide is available on the website as a free PDF.

ZENGER FARM SUMMER CAMPS

11741 SE Foster Road

Portland, Oregon 97266

(503) 282-4245

<http://www.zengerfarm.org/summer-camp>

Age Range: Preschool – Grade 12

Location: Oregon

Through its Field Trip Program during the school year and summer camps designed for kids in grades 1 – 12, Zenger Farm teaches youth about sustainable farming practices, environmental stewardship, and even wetland conservation. The agriculture programs allow kids to have hands-on experiences while learning about insects and soil, and farming practices that yield healthy food.