

CHAPTER 190A

FARM-TO-SCHOOL PROGRAM

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190A.1 Farm-to-school program.

A farm-to-school program is established to encourage and promote the purchase of locally and regionally produced or processed food in order to improve child nutrition and strengthen local and regional farm economies.

2007 Acts, ch 215, §93

190A.2 Farm-to-school council.

1. A farm-to-school council is established and made up of seven members representing the following associations or state departments:

- a. One member representing the Iowa school nutrition association.
- b. One member representing the Iowa association for health, physical education, recreation and dance with expertise in health.
- c. One Iowa fruit or vegetable producer.
- d. One Iowa organic meat producer.
- e. The director of the Leopold center or the director's designee.
- f. The director of the department of agriculture and land stewardship or the director's designee.
- g. The director of the department of education or the director's designee.

2. The members listed under subsection 1, paragraphs "a" through "d", shall be selected by the governor without senate confirmation and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

2007 Acts, ch 215, §94

190A.3 Goals and strategies.

1. The farm-to-school program shall seek to link elementary and secondary public and nonpublic schools in this state with Iowa farms to provide schools with fresh and minimally processed food for inclusion in school meals and snacks, encourage children to develop healthy eating habits, and provide Iowa farmers access to consumer markets.

2. The farm-to-school program may include activities that provide students with hands-on learning opportunities, such as farm visits, cooking demonstrations, and school gardening and composting programs.

3. The farm-to-school council shall seek to establish partnerships with public agencies and nonprofit organizations to implement a structure to facilitate communication between farmers and schools.

4. The farm-to-school council shall actively seek financial or in-kind contributions from organizations or persons to support the program.

2007 Acts, ch 215, §95; 2009 Acts, ch 41, §76

190A.4 Agency cooperation.

The department of agriculture and land stewardship and the department of education shall provide information regarding the Iowa farm-to-school program in an electronic format on the department's internet website.

2007 Acts, ch 215, §96