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INDIANA GROWN FOR SCHOOLS UNVEILS
LOCAL FOOD BUYER'S GUIDE

Statewide resource seeks to connect Hoosier schools with products from local farmers

INDIANAPOLIS (Oct. 31, 2019) — To close out National Farm to School Month, Indiana Grown and the Indiana State Department of Health unveiled a new resource guide that will help increase schools' access to fresh, local food products. The event took place today, Oct. 31, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. (ET), at Franklin Community High School.

"With the large number of school corporations in Indiana, we see tremendous business potential for local farmers and producers to provide homegrown products to local schools," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch. "Our hope is that the Buyer's Guide connects farmers, buyers and schools and makes it easier to get healthy, local produce into Indiana school cafeterias."

Partnering with Purdue Extension, the new Buyer's Guide will be the only resource of its kind in the state and will help food service directors find school-ready products grown or raised by local farmers. The project was [announced](#) last October as part of the [Indiana Grown for Schools](#) initiative and is funded by a farm-to-school grant awarded to ISDH.

"We are fortunate to have a year-long supply of farm-fresh products from our local Indiana growers, and by having this resource for the schools in our state, children can have easier access to fruits and vegetables," said State Health Commissioner Kris Box, MD, FACOG.

Visit www.ingrown4schools.com for more information about the Indiana Grown for Schools program.

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ABOUT INDIANA GROWN

Indiana Grown is administered by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture in partnership with the lieutenant governor's office. The initiative educates consumers on the importance of buying Indiana Grown products, helps Indiana farmers and producers sell more products and supports Indiana processors in their effort to process more Indiana Grown products. Indiana Grown members and partners include farmers, producers, processors and artisans, as well as retailers, grocers, hospitals and restaurants. For more information, visit www.indianagrown.org.

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