

The School Nutrition Association of South Carolina receives grant to increase local foods in school cafeterias

School Nutrition Association of South Carolina (SNA of SC) has been awarded a \$100,000 grant aimed at obtaining more local foods into school cafeterias around the state.

The School Nutrition Association of South Carolina is receiving the implementation grant through the South Carolina Department of Agriculture in an effort to better connect school cafeterias and students with local farmers.

“In rural communities across the state, we hope to improve farm to school programs that will teach students where food comes from and how it gets to their plate, and encouraging them to make healthier food choices in the cafeteria and at home,” said State Agriculture Commissioner Hugh Weathers. “Farm to school programs is an investment in the health of our state’s children and the strength of rural economies.”

“Nutrition education and agriculture will increase young people’s understanding and acceptance of new foods. This Farm-to-school grant will provide meaningful opportunity by engaging students in our State with an understanding of where food comes from and how it’s grown and prepared” said Leon Williams, President of the School Nutrition Association of South Carolina, Mr. Leon Williams.

The Farm to School grant will help schools respond to the growing demand for locally sourced foods and increase market opportunities for producers and food businesses, including food processors, and distributors. The grant will also be used to support agriculture and nutrition education efforts such as school gardens and working with chefs in schools to prepare locally sourced foods.



Receiving the check on behalf of the School Nutrition Association of SC: Todd A. Bedenbaugh, Immediate Past President; Joyce Lovett, Executive Director; Hugh Weather, State Agriculture Commissioner presenting the check; and Leon Williams, President