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Vermont Farm-to-School Analysis

The farm-to-school effort in Vermont is proving to be at the forefront of the national farm-to-school movement. Since 2007 the Vermont State Legislature has appropriated funds to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture to administer Farm-to-School grants. Vermont-FEED (Food Education Every Day), has been working with these schools to educate students, teachers, and staff and integrate local foods into school systems. Dozens of schools have now received funding, technical assistance, and trainings through this initiative.

This paper will analyze statewide data gathered by Vermont-FEED through surveys and in-depth interviews from schools that have received funding from the state-wide Farm-to-School Program. Conclusions about the strengths and weaknesses of the program will be determined.