Weld D6 Farm to School Program
How it began
Weld County School District 6 FTS

School Year 2008-2009

• Purchased one crop of cherry tomatoes for $239
• Small grant received to begin hosting FTS meetings.
• Harvest of the Month implemented.
• Menus rely on highly processed foods.

School Years 2009-2011

• Farm to School program expands in D6 focused only on produce and school garden implementation.
• Jeremy appointed to CO FTS Taskforce
• Grants Galore!
  • School Gardens
  • Salad Bars
  • Central Production Kitchen
  • FTS Marketing
  • Fresh Fruit & Veg Program
Weld County School District 6 FTS

School Year 2011-2012

• Central Production Facility/Food Hub opens in late 2011
• Increased focus on producing food with local ingredients.
• 75% of entrees prepared from scratch
• Collective Bid process with NoCo districts begins.

School Years 2012-Present

• Farm to School program expands in D6 adding protein items. Now accounts for 22% of all food purchases
• Food Hub work ramps up
• Grants-
  • USDA FTS Implementation Grant
  • Local Health Department Grant
  • CDA Enrich Colorado Grant
Greeley-Evans Weld 6 Central Kitchen/Food Hub Facilities
Greeley-Evans D6
Produce Purchasing History

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2008-2009</td>
<td>$239</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2009-2010</td>
<td>$11,643</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2010-2011</td>
<td>$50,849</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2011-2012</td>
<td>$28,297</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2012-2013</td>
<td>$40,094</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2013-2014</td>
<td>$66,534</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
District 6 Local Purchases 2013-14

- Produce: 8% $66,534
- Grains: 4% $39,417
- Beef: 2% $17,226
- Dairy Products: 86% $750,899

Total: $874,076
Types of Products Purchased

- Apples
- Peaches
- Pears
- Corn on the Cob
- Pinto Beans
- Melons
- Onions
- Bell Peppers
- Carrots
- Summer Squash
- Tomatoes
- Romaine Lettuce
- Potatoes
- Beef Patties
- Cinnamon Rolls
- Milk
Partnerships For Success
Colorado FTS Taskforce
Other School Districts
Real Food Colorado
Weld County Dept of Public Heath
USDA
National Farm to School Network
Farmers/Producers
Traditional Vendors
Successes

FTS program is growing

Improved Menus
  • Taste
  • Nutritional Value

Community Perception

Grants
Challenges
Locating/Keeping Growers & Producers
Finding “Seconds”
Where’s the Beef?/Beef costs
Systems Development
Systems and Equipment for Processing
Labor Costs
Food Cost
Student Acceptance
Weld D6 Farm to School Program

What’s Next?

22% → 50%
Partnerships For Success

Supply Chain Stability

- Develop additional long-term relationships with local producers
- Provide systems support to producers
- Provide technical assistance to producers
- Steady supply of “seconds” and “extras”.
- User-friendly, timely bid process

Food Hub Expansion

- Develop Food Hub Staffing Plan
- Expand Processing capabilities
- Develop pricing structure for services.
- Invest in infrastructure
- Continue to develop systems to guide our work.

Marketing & Outreach

- Determine Market opportunities
- Develop D6 Food Hub brand
- Continue to seek funding opportunities
- Website/Social Media
- Advertise to target markets
- Provide regular FTS events
- Market FTS to students
Colorado FTS has Grown Four-Fold since 2010

www.coloradofarmtoschool.org
jwest@greeleyschools.org