

Consent Statement

Dear School Food Authority Representative,

You are being invited to participate in a research study of Connecticut farm to school (F2S) initiatives, being conducted collaboratively by the University of Connecticut, CT Department of Agriculture and CT Department of Education. The goal of the survey is to collect information about your local food purchasing, and other farm to school activities. You have been selected as a participant in this study because you are listed as the director of a K-12 SFA. If you are not currently involved in farm to school related activities, we would still appreciate your response in order to gather input on your level of interest and to compare information across respondents.

This survey will take about 20 minutes to complete. You must be 18 years or older to complete the survey. There are no foreseeable risks to taking the survey. Following completion of the survey, you will have the opportunity to enter into a random drawing for a prize. The prizes available are: a blender, an immersion blender, a juicer, and airpods.

Your name will not be used in any publications or reports emerging from this survey, though we will be publishing SFA-level data. The results of this study may be published or presented at professional meetings. There are no foreseeable risks associated with participation in this study.

Please complete the survey even if you are not currently participating in farm to school. You will still see questions concerning your meal program and your interest in farm to school. This is important for collecting a complete data set on SFAs in Connecticut.

The survey includes a few questions about the value of food purchases. **Please feel free to estimate these values if you do not have accurate information readily available.**

if you have any questions about the study, or if you believe you have experienced harm or injury because of being in this study, please contact Cristina Connolly of the University of Connecticut at cristina.connolly@uconn.edu.