Sustainable Agriculture Resources and Programs for K-12 Youth

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This guide to sustainable agriculture-oriented educational opportunities for schoolchildren features more than 75 programs and curricula nationwide, from “Growing Minds,” a program linking the garden and agriculture in Appalachia, to “French Fries and the Food System,” a year-round curriculum focusing on ways youth can better understand land and local food systems. This guide includes direct links, program contact information and ideas for integrating lessons into school programs.

THE AGRARIAN ADVENTURE
PO Box 7928
Ann Arbor, MI 48107
http://www.agrarianadventure.org
Age Range: Elementary – high school
Location: Michigan

The Agrarian Adventure is a volunteer-led grassroots nonprofit organization founded by students, teachers, parents, and local community members in 2003. The group partners with K-12 schools to enrich students’ connection between the foods they eat, their personal health, and the health of their communities and the environment. Through experiential education in sustainable food and agriculture, local food, and healthy learning in the cafeteria, this organization connects students to the sources of their food and empowers them to transform their lives and food culture in positive ways.

AGROFORESTRY CURRICULUM
University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry (UMCA)
203 Anheuser-Busch Natural Resources Bldg.
Columbia, MO 65211
(573) 884-2874
http://www.centerforagroforestry.org/education/HSCurr.php
Age Range: High school
Location: Missouri

The University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry collaborated with Missouri high school agriculture science teachers, FFA, and the MO Department of Education to construct a two-module curriculum complete with lesson plans, teacher guides, hands-on and problem-solving student activities to engage students with content on temperate agroforestry practices and resources to further develop their inquiry and skillset. In the module “What is Agroforestry?” students will learn to recognize attributes of, and marketable products from canopy and understory trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants common to Missouri agroforestry systems. In the module “Agroforestry Applications,” students will have an opportunity to expand their understanding of agroforestry practices by applying what they learned in Module 1 to a number of planning and design activity options. Modules are available to download for free on the website. This curriculum development was supported by an NCR-SARE Professional Development Program grant. Read the project report here: ENC16-154 - Missouri Agroforestry Summer Institutes: High School Educator Training for Curriculum Delivery
ANGELIC ORGANICS LEARNING CENTER
1545 Rockton Rd.
Caledonia, IL 61011
(815) 389.8455
Age Range: Ages 6-15
Location: Illinois

Angelic Organics Learning Center (AOLC) builds sustainable local food and farm systems through experiential education and training programs in partnership with rural and urban people. AOLC was established as the non-profit educational partner to Angelic Organics CSA farm in 1999. Through Summer Farm Camps and School Field Trips at the AO organic/biodynamic farm, students learn where their food comes from through hands-on farm experiences.

APPALACHIAN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PROJECT
306 W Haywood Street
Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 236-1282
http://growing-minds.org/
Age Range: Kindergarten – university
Location: North Carolina

Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project (ASAP) is a nonprofit organization that works to help local farms thrive, link farmers to markets and supporters, and build healthy communities through connections to local food. Growing Minds (GM) is ASAP’s holistic Farm to School Program which includes school gardens, local food cooking classes and demonstrations, farm field trips, and the serving of local food in school cafeterias. The program provides resources and training to teachers, schools, child nutrition directors, cafeteria staff, parents, extension agents, farmers, and other community stakeholders to encourage and sustain Farm to School efforts. The Resource tab of the GM website provides activities, curriculum, and additional resources, some developed by GM and some gathered from other sources.

BERTRAND FARM, INC.
3575 W Bertrand Road
Niles, MI 49120
(269) 695-3306
http://bertrandfarm.org/
Age Range: All ages
Location: Michigan

Bertrand Farm, Prairie Winds Farm, and Clay Bottom Farm collaborated to create 24 educational PowerPoint modules for interns. They can serve as an educational curriculum, and are appropriate for college credit. Farmers in the North Central region can use the modules to train new farmers in sustainable and profitable food growing practices. This project was partially funded by an NCR-SARE grant. For more information, read the report: FNC12-896 - (2012) An Internship Curriculum for Food Farmers in the North Central Region

BIONEERS
1014 Torney Ave
San Francisco, CA 94129
(505) 986-0366
http://bioneers.org/bioneers-study-guides/
Age Range: Grades 9-12 and university
Location: National

Bioneers offers Study Guides on Restorative Food Systems, Climate Change, and Indigenous Knowledge, and more topics will be added. Bioneers Study Guides have been created with every type of classroom setting in mind. They are suited for grades 9-12, and potentially some introductory university courses. All Bioneers Study Guides are written in alignment with relevant longstanding national standards as well as New Common Core standards. They also align with Next Generation Science Standards and the National Geographic Standards.
BK FARMYARDS
http://www.bkfarmyards.com/
Age Range: High school
Location: Brooklyn, New York

BK Farmyards is a collective of experienced urban farmers dedicated to expanding food justice through agricultural production and education in Brooklyn. They offer a variety of training and curricula for classroom teachers, camp counselors, and after school groups who are interested in integrating gardening, nutrition, food justice, and food systems into their programs. Projects include: The Youth Farm, a one-acre educational production farm in central Brooklyn, which is a partnership between the High School for Public Service (HSPS) and Green Guerillas, and receives support from BK Farmyards. The aim is to work holistically, integrating the demands and needs of the soil, the crops, the farmers, and the surrounding community to maintain and sustain health, vibrancy and economic sustainability. Includes advanced farm training and leadership opportunities for youth and adults. Also see: Green Guerillas.

BULLFROG FILMS
PO Box 149
Oley, PA 19547
(800) 543-3764
http://www.bullfrogfilms.com
Age Range: Grade 7 and above
Location: National

Bullfrog Films provides educational videos and films about the environment. Titles that may be suitable for youth education include Beyond Organic, The Vision of Fairview Gardens; Broken Limbs, Apples, Agriculture, and the New American Farmer; and Deconstructing Supper, Is Your Food Safe. Search the “Subjects” tab on their website for Sustainable Agriculture films.

CALIFORNIA CERTIFIED ORGANIC FARMERS FOUNDATION
2155 Delaware Avenue, Suite 150
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
(831) 423-2263
http://www.ecof.org/ecof/structure/ccof-foundation
Age Range: Kindergarten – university
Location: National

The California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) Foundation is focused on increasing demand for organic food products, and providing educational and funding opportunities for current and future organic farmers. The Foundation offers Future Organic Farmer grants to help meet the rising demand for organic products, and the need for new organic farmers and entrepreneurs. There are grants for students and teachers in three educational categories: Higher and Vocational Education Grants, Ag in the Classroom K-8 Grants, and FFA Supervised Agricultural Experience Grants.

CENTER FOR ECOLITERACY
The David Brower Center
2150 Allston Way, Suite 270
Berkeley, CA 94704-1377
(510) 845-4595
Age Range: All ages (students, educators, and parents)
Location: National

The Center for Ecoliteracy is a nonprofit organization that promotes ecological education. It is known for its work with school gardens and school lunches, and for integrating ecological principles and sustainability into school curricula. They offer books, teaching guides, and other resources including Big Ideas: Linking Food, Culture, Health, and the Environment: A New Alignment with Academic Standards (A Center for Ecoliteracy – National Geographic partnership); Smart by Nature: Schooling for Sustainability; Ecological Literacy: Educating Our Children for a Sustainable World; Ecoliterate: How Educators Are Cultivating Emotional, Social, and Ecological Intelligence; Rethinking School Lunch Guide; and Cooking with California Food in K-12 Schools. See the website for additional online resources.
Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems (CIAS) brings together university faculty, farmers, policy makers, and others to study relationships between farming practices, farm profitability, the environment, and rural vitality. Among the educational materials offered is *Towards a Sustainable Agriculture*, a curriculum available online in five modules:

- Introduction to Sustainable Agriculture
- Corn, Beans, and Burgers: Issues in Sustainable Field Crop Production
- Fur, Feathers, and Fins: Animals in our food
- Apples, Beets, and Zinnias: sustainable horticulture
- A Growing Market: organic agriculture

This is an ongoing project developed by CIAS at the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS). For more information about the project, which was partially funded by a SARE grant, see: LNC03-227 - (2003) *Towards a Sustainable Agriculture: An Updated Curriculum for High School Classes*.

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Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture (CCUA) is a nonprofit organization that promotes the establishment, development, and maintenance of a sustainable local food system in Columbia, Missouri. Their “Sprouts, Soil, and Worms” project was created to provide teachers with simple ways to foster youth participation in sustainable agriculture activities. The project was supported by a Youth Educator grant through the NCR-SARE program. For more information about this project and the resulting curriculum, read the final report at: YENC10-025 - (2010) *Sprouts, Soil, and Worms*.

Community Mercantile Cooperative (The Merc) is a community source for education on sustainable food systems and healthy living. The Merc’s nonprofit sister organization is Community Mercantile Education Foundation (CMEF). Youth education is carried out by CMEF through their Growing Food Growing Health (GFGH) project which aims to improve the health of youth by creating school gardens that act as living classrooms, inspiring hands-on education, and connecting students to locally grown fruits and vegetables to be enjoyed in their school cafeterias.
CORNELL GARDEN-BASED LEARNING
Horticulture Section
School of Integrative Plant Science
Cornell University
135 Plant Sciences Building Ithaca, NY 14853
(607) 255-4568/1789
http://gardening.cals.cornell.edu
Age Range: 6-18 and adult
Location: National

This program provides educators with research-based gardening resources and professional development opportunities to support active learning experiences for children, youth, adults, and communities. Programs, activities, and projects focus on the garden as the foundation for integrated learning and discovery across disciplines. Program tools, lessons and more are provided for free online. Lessons include curricula such as Discovering Our Food System, a guided program about how food gets from the farm to the table, and Youth Grow, resources for developing food system leaders.

DETROIT FOOD ACADEMY
4444 Second Avenue
Detroit, MI 48201
team@detroitfoodacademy.com
http://detroitfoodacademy.com/
Age Range: High school
Location: Detroit, Michigan

Detroit Food Academy is a non-profit experiential leadership program dedicated to transforming the lives of young Detroiter through food and social entrepreneurship. They partner with local high schools, educators, and food entrepreneurs to facilitate a year-round practicum culminating in the design and launch of students' own triple-bottom-line (people, planet, profit) food business. By developing food-based solutions in their communities, students grow as holistic leaders who are healthy, connected, and powerful to effect change within and beyond the local food system. For information about the start of this program, see the NCR-SARE Youth Educator Grant project: YENC12-058 - (2012) Building Sustainable Agriculture Connections for Ypsilanti Farm to School.

CULTIVATING COMMUNITY
52 Mayo Street
PO Box 3792
Portland, ME 04104-3792
(207) 761-GROW
http://www.cultivatingcommunity.org
Age Range: Elementary – high school
Location: Maine, national examples

The Cultivating Community (CC) group strives to grow sustainable communities. They work in schools to build gardens and teach food and gardening classes to elementary students, and train teachers to incorporate food education into their curriculum. CC offers year-round programs for high school students based on the principle that youth are part of the solution. Teens in their leadership programs receive education on food systems and sustainability, grow food and distribute it to people in need, develop job skills, and practice community engagement. Many of the youth programs pay a stipend to youth for their participation.
The mission of Dream of Wild Health is to restore health and well-being in the Native community by recovering knowledge of and access to healthy Indigenous foods, medicines and lifeways. The youth programs are a way to bring families together around healthy food, nature, and traditions. Each summer, Dream of Wild Health offers programs for Native American youth from the Twin Cities. Youth ages 8-12 join Cora’s Kids, a one-week program that teaches about organic farming, health, and culture. Youth ages 13-18 join Garden Warriors to learn more in-depth lessons on farming, culture, seed saving, and healthy cooking. The youth learn to plant, grow, harvest and cook fresh, organic vegetables, and work with a Native Chef, learning to make healthy lunches. Older youth from Garden Warriors can stay with Dream of Wild Health year-round through the Youth Leaders program. These youth participants can become eligible to receive youth scholarships by showing sustained dedication to the Dream of Wild Health programs and to their school work.

Dream of Wild Health’s work has been supported by two NCR-SARE Farmer/Rancher grants. Read more about the projects here:
FNC10-803 Mobile Farmers’ Market
FNC08-740 Native Youth Teach Healthy Diets (Learning to Love Vegetables!)

Dunbar Community Garden is a non-profit organization that provides oversight of the Dunbar Community Garden Project (DCGP). The Garden is an urban educational community garden located in South Little Rock. This two-acre “outdoor classroom” is used to teach where food comes from and the principles of environmental stewardship. The focus is on hands-on, outdoor experiential education. DCGP serves as a model for other school gardens in Arkansas and the nation with the development of an original K-8 Garden Curriculum that integrates state objectives. DCGP demonstrates the feasibility of small-scale agriculture as a way to improve healthy food security and sustainability, and offers a comprehensive hands-on education in urban agriculture.
EarthDance (ED) is an organic farm school and a nonprofit organization located on the historic Mueller Farm. Its youth program, YEAH! (Youth Exploring Agriculture and Health), connects young people to the natural world, healthy eating, and organic farming through field trips to the farm, collaborations with the Ferguson-Florissant School District like the Work Experience Program, and employment with the ED Junior Farm Crew.

EarthDance has had several youth education projects funded in part by NCR-SARE. Read about them at the following links:

FNC09-785 - (2009) Educating from Seed to Market: An Organic Farm Apprenticeship Program in St. Louis, Missouri
YENC12-053 - (2012) Organic Farm to Summer Camp Table: Opportunities for Youth on an Organic Farm

EcoKids, written by Dan Chiras, provides case studies of children who are making a difference, offers a plan to help parents foster love for nature, teaches children the importance of environmental protection, and promotes environmental values and inspires action. The book includes short pieces that highlight serious problems such as global warming, along with positive solutions that can be read aloud to children, and activities for children and their families. EcoKids also contains a resource guide that lists helpful books, articles, videos, and organizations related to the material covered within its pages.

The Edible Schoolyard Project (formerly known as the Chez Panisse Foundation) is a non-profit with a mission to build and share a national edible education curriculum for pre-kindergarten through high school. The goal of the curriculum is to empower students with the knowledge and values to make food choices that are healthy for them, their communities, and the environment. The lessons are fully integrated into academic subjects and support content standards, Common Core State Standards, and Next Generation Science Standards. The Edible Schoolyard Network at edibleschoolyard.org connects educators around the world to build and share a K-12 edible education curriculum.
THE EDIBLE SCHOOLYARD BERKELEY
Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School
1781 Rose Street
Berkeley, CA 94703
(510) 558-1335
http://edibleschoolyard.org/Berkeley
Age Range: Middle school
Location: Berkeley, California

The Edible Schoolyard Berkeley (ESYB) is the Edible Schoolyard Project's demonstration site and learning lab. It is a one-acre organic garden and kitchen classroom for urban public school students at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School. At ESYB, students participate in all aspects of growing, harvesting, and preparing nutritious, seasonal produce during the academic day and in after-school classes. Students’ hands-on experience in the kitchen and garden fosters a deeper appreciation of how the natural world sustains us and promotes the environmental and social well-being of the school community.

FARM TO SCHOOL
1400 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20250
fartoschool@fns.usda.gov
http://www.fartoschool.org/
Age Range: Adults
Location: National

USDA’s Farm to School Program is part of the Food and Nutrition Service’s Office of Community Food Systems (OCFS). It provides online resources for starting and operating farm to school programs including state contacts, information on procuring local food, education and curriculum integration, fact sheets, and more. The Program includes Farm to School Grants to assist with implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools. On an annual basis, USDA awards up to $5 million in competitive grants for training, supporting operations, planning, purchasing equipment, developing school gardens, developing partnerships, and implementing farm to school programs.

FARM TO SCHOOL PLANNING TOOLKIT
Food & Nutrition Service
3101 Park Center Drive
Alexandria, VA 22302
Age Range: Prekindergarten – Grade 12
Location: National

The Farm to School Planning Toolkit guides teachers through questions to consider and helpful resources to reference when starting or growing a farm to school program. It is designed for use by schools, school districts, and community partners.

FEEDING MINDS, FIGHTING HUNGER
Nutrition Education and Consumer Awareness
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla
00153 Rome, Italy
Tel:(+39) 06 57051
FAO-HQ@fao.org
Age Range: Elementary – high school
Location: International

Feeding Minds, Fighting Hunger is a global education and advocacy initiative to introduce young people to the issues of hunger, malnutrition and food security. Developed by FAO, in collaboration with a broad coalition of UN agencies and other international and regional organizations, the initiative provides model lessons for teachers and an animated website and interactive forum for young people inside and outside the classroom. Available in several languages.
FOOD, LAND & PEOPLE
Tallahassee, FL
http://www.foodlandpeople.org/
Age Range: Prekindergarten – Grade 12
Location: National

Food, Land & People (FLP) provides educational resources to help educators and students better understand the interrelationships between agriculture, the environment, and people of the world. Resources for Learning is a collection of 55 Pre-K through 12th grade lesson plans for use in either a formal or non-formal education setting. Some of the resources are available in Spanish. Lesson descriptions and ordering information are provided on the website.

THE FOOD PROJECT
10 Lewis Street
Lincoln, MA 01773
(781) 259-8621
http://thefoodproject.org
Age Range: High school
Location: Massachusetts

The Food Project has built a national model of engaging young people in personal and social change through sustainable agriculture. They work with teens and volunteers to farm 70 acres in eastern Massachusetts in the towns and cities of Beverly, Wenham, Lynn, Boston, and Lincoln. Through youth programs: the Seed Crew, Dirt Crew, and Root Crew, teens expand their knowledge of sustainable agriculture and food justice, build public speaking and job readiness skills, and partner with staff and community members to engage in hands-on projects. See the “Toolbox” tab on their website for links to their books, sustainable agriculture curriculum, and other free resources (e.g., French Fries and the Food System: A Year Round Curriculum Connecting Youth with Farming and Food).

FOOD: RESOURCES, EDUCATION, SECURITY, HEALTH (FRESH)
PO Box 285
45 Broad Street
New London, CT 06320
freshnewlondon@hotmail.com
(860) 574-9006
http://www.freshnewlondon.org/
Age Range: 13-17 and university
Location: New London, Connecticut

FRESH New London builds momentum for food system change through local agriculture and youth empowerment. They use food to connect the community, encourage stewardship, inspire leadership, and incite change. Learning takes place at the 5-acre farm site at the Waterford Country School through Seasonal Youth Crew and Crew Leader programs. Farm Internships are also available.
FT is a nonprofit that was founded in Philadelphia, but has grown to work nationally and internationally. They partner with neighborhoods, schools, grocers, farmers and policymakers, to develop a comprehensive approach to improved food access that combines nutrition education and greater availability of affordable, healthy food. The organization serves as the National Farm to School Network’s Mid-Atlantic Regional Lead Agency, providing support at state, regional and national levels to implement farm to school programs and improve the nutrition of children while supporting regional agriculture. Their youth education projects serve as models for other communities and include:

- The Kindergarten Initiative, a program that teaches children and their parents about food, farms, and nutrition. Students learn about nutrition in their regular school curriculum and enjoy healthy fruit and vegetable snacks grown by local farmers.
- The School Market Program: a hands-on curriculum where students create, own and operate markets in their schools, where they sell fruit and vegetable products to fellow students.

GEORGIA ORGANICS
200-A Ottley Drive
Atlanta, GA 30324
(678) 702-0400
http://eeingeorgia.org/resource/about.aspx?s=44476.0.0.4863
Age Range: High school, university, adults
Location: Regional, national

Georgia Organics, a nonprofit organization that promotes locally grown food and organic farms, created a curriculum in 2003 to help educate high school agricultural students and adults about organic farming and gardening. "Fundamentals of Organic Farming and Gardening: An Instructor's Guide" aims to fill the gap between demand and supply of organic food by encouraging more education. For more information about the project, which was partially funded by a SARE grant, see: ES03-068 - Curriculum in Organic Agriculture for Agents and Teachers

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA
420 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10018-2798
(800) GSUSA 4 U [(800) 478-7248] or (212) 852-8000
http://www.girlscouts.org/
Age Range: Kindergarten – Grade 12
Location: National and global

Girl Scouts (GS) is a nonprofit leadership development organization for girls. Their It’s Your Planet—Love It! Leadership Journey program focuses on environmental issues such as clean water and air, noise pollution, global warming, soil contamination, and agricultural processes. The Sow What? Senior Leadership Journey is a coordinated series of activities grouped around the theme of food for Grades 9-12. Participants look at local and global food issues and carry out an action project. There is a companion guide for adults. The content of all GS journeys has been correlated by grade level to the new national Common Core Standards and the 21st Century Skills standards, as well as to the Health & PE, Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies learning objectives for all 50 states and the District of Columbia. See: It's Your Planet—Love it!
GRACE COMMUNICATIONS FOUNDATION
215 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10016 (212) 726-9161
http://www.gracelinks.org/
Age Range: Grades 5–12
Location: National

This foundation highlights the connections among food, water and energy, promoting a sustainable future through tools such as: FoodPrint, Seasonal Food Guide, and Water Footprint Calculator. The website offers a collection of information and links to resources to help teachers interested in using food- and agriculture-related lessons in their classrooms.

GREEN GUERILLAS
232 E 11th Street
New York, NY 10003
(212) 594-2155
info@nycgreen.org
http://www.nycgreen.org/
Age Range: High School – adult
Location: New York City, New York

This nonprofit organization and resource center uses a mix of education, organizing and advocacy to help people cultivate community gardens, sustain grassroots groups, grow food, engage youth, and address issues critical to the future of their gardens. Projects include Youth Tillers Program, in which Green Guerillas (GG) recruits, trains, and mentors a team of teenagers using paid internships and garden workdays to grow food, strengthen food-growing community gardens, and teach hundreds of other city kids where their food comes from. In the Youth Farm program, GG helps a team of students, teachers, and urban farmers cultivate a one-acre urban farm in Brooklyn, and engage hundreds of students in farm- and classroom-based service and learning. They manage a weekly farmers market, a CSA, and an Urban Farm Training Program. Also see: BK Farmyards.

GROWING MINDS
Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project
306 W Haywood Street
Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 236-1282
http://growing-minds.org/
Age Range: Kindergarten – Grade 5
Location: North Carolina

This Farm to School Program of the Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project (ASAP) gives children opportunities to learn about local food and farms in the classroom, cafeteria, and community and may include: edible school gardens, farm field trips where students can have direct contact with area farmers, classroom cooking with local food, or locally grown food served or provided via taste test in the cafeteria. Lesson plans and resources for teachers are available on the website.

GROWNYC
100 Gold Street, Suite 3300
New York, NY 10038 (212) 788-7900
http://www.grownyc.org/greenmarket/education
Age Range: Kindergarten – Grade 12
Location: New York City, New York

GrowNYC is a hands-on non-profit that works to improve New York City's quality of life through environmental education programs. Education programs that involve sustainable agriculture include Greenmarket Youth Education, which connects school children with greenmarkets, farmers, and chefs through fun, interactive learning experiences. It includes the Seed to Plate Program, an interdisciplinary, standards-aligned 5th & 6th grade curriculum. Project Grow to Learn NYC is a citywide school gardens initiative that facilitates the creation of sustainable gardens in public schools. Learn It, Grow It, Eat It is a hands-on education program that empowers teens to take control of their health and to help others do so.
GRuB: GROWING HEALTHY FOOD, PEOPLE, AND COMMUNITIES
2016 Elliott Avenue NW
Olympia, WA 98502
(360) 753-5522
http://www.goodgrub.org
Age Range: PreK – high school
Location: Thurston and Mason Counties, Washington

GRuB is a nonprofit organization that operates alternative education, drop-out prevention, and preK-12 field trip programs on two acres of urban farmland in Olympia, WA. Through the GRuB in the Schools Initiative, disengaged and/or low-income students earn credits while learning about and contributing to their local food systems. The focus is on the themes of Farming Self (personal development), Farming Land (sustainable land stewardship), and Farming Community (civic engagement & community service). The GRuB Manual is a detailed guide to the organization’s youth employment and education programming. This 200+ page curriculum manual is available for sale.

HARTFORD FOOD SYSTEM
1 Congress Street, Suite 302
Hartford, CT 06114
(860) 296-9325
http://www.hartfordfood.org/
Age Range: High school
Location: Hartford, Connecticut

Hartford Food System is a private, non-profit organization working to create an equitable and sustainable food system that addresses the underlying causes of hunger and poor nutrition facing low and moderate-income Hartford residents. Grow Hartford is a youth leadership and youth organizing program that builds youth leaders in Hartford to challenge racial inequities in the food system and society at large. During the academic year youth meet after school to learn about food access and food justice in the Hartford community. In the summer youth are hired to work on the Grow Hartford Urban Farm, where they learn about urban agriculture, explore food justice issues and Hartford’s food system, and participate in field trips. Check the Programs tab on the website for details.

HEALTHY FOODS FROM HEALTHY SOILS: A HANDS-ON RESOURCE FOR TEACHERS
Tilbury House Publishers
12 Starr Street
Thomaston, ME 04861
(800) 582-1899
Age Range: Kindergarten – Grade 6
Location: National

This 192-page book contains activities to help students discover where food comes from, how our bodies use food, and what happens to food waste. Students participate in the ecological cycle of food production, compost formation, recycling back to the soil, and learn how their food choices affect their health, as well as farmers, the environment, and local community. Teachers can adapt the material to meet their needs: small scale or large, urban or rural. Activities contain background information, suggestions for materials, and instructions.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL
1 World Avenue
Little Rock, AR 72202
(855) 948-6437
http://www.heifer.org/
Age Range: Elementary – high school
Location: National

This nonprofit works with communities worldwide to end hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth. The organization helps families achieve self-reliance, links communities, and helps bring sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas with a long history of poverty through Passing on the Gift. Families receive livestock and training then share the training they receive, and pass on the first female offspring of their livestock to another family. Heifer provides educational programming at learning centers across the country, and provides educational resources, including curriculum, to help teachers cover the issue of global hunger in their classrooms. See: What You Can Do.
How’s it Growing was created in 2013. It was designed as a Master’s capstone project in partnership with Children’s Country Day School in Mendota Heights, MN – a nature-based school for preschool-aged children – and Green Mountain College in Poultney, VT. The project’s goals were to establish a farm-to-preschool pilot program at the school and to integrate a sustainable agriculture curriculum and other food-related experiences into the culture of the school. The main focus of the project was the development of a preschool-aged curriculum focusing on local food systems and healthy food choices. The curriculum is separated into nine chapters about various garden themes during the growing season. See: https://howsitgrowingpreschool.wordpress.com/2014/04/01/hows-it-growing/

IATP works locally and globally at the intersection of policy and practice to ensure fair and sustainable food, farm and trade systems. The Farm to School Youth Leadership Curriculum Guide for 11th and 12th Grades is designed to empower youth, teach them about their local food system, engage them in meaningful, hands-on learning activities that also strengthen their school’s Farm to School program and link them directly with farmers in their community. The curriculum is comprised of 6 Lessons, each containing a lesson summary, a list of lesson activities, lesson outcomes, facilitator preparation notes, a materials and equipment list, additional resources, detailed facilitator descriptions of core activities, additional recommended activities, a chart of the lesson’s alignment to national and Minnesota academic standards, and worksheets and handouts for students.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION AND OUTREACH
Connecting Living & Learning
2150 Beardshear Hall
Ames, IA 50010-2046
(800) 262-3804
http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/CLL
Age Range: All ages
Location: Iowa

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, along with Iowa 4-H, sponsors Connecting Learning & Living (CLL) curriculums. CLL provides applicable garden-based nutritional, environmental, and agricultural education to youth of all ages, through hands-on lessons and activities that connect learning in classrooms and after-school programs with living on Planet Earth. CLL curriculums include Growing in the Garden: Pre-K through Grade 3 curriculum; Growing in the Garden: Local Foods and Healthy Living; and the Where We Live series.
This Northwestern US nonprofit creates innovative, community-based programs to build healthy children, healthy youth, and healthy families. Food Works is one of several JYP Village Gardens Community Food Projects. This dynamic youth development and employment program engages youth living in North Portland low-income neighborhoods to operate a 3-acre, certified organic, entrepreneurial farm. Goals include: Grow the Farm – youth develop skills in sustainable agriculture and land management; Grow the Business – youth build a variety of skills including marketing and teamwork by operating their own farm business and selling their produce at local farmers markets, and a healthy corner grocery store; Grow the Community – youth impact their community by being positive role models; Grow the Self – youth develop the life skills and confidence to be successful leaders at work, school, and beyond.

John Hopkins Center for a Livable Future (JHCLF) works with students, educators, researchers, policymakers, advocacy organizations and communities to build a healthier, more equitable, and resilient food system. One of their projects is FOODSPAN: Teaching the Food System from Farm to Fork, a free class-room ready curriculum with 17 lessons including: Exploring our Food System; Turning Toward Sustainability; Why We Eat What We Eat. Students are presented with lessons in the form of slides, handouts, vocabulary builders, and other materials. There is also a catalog of lesson plans, courses, research tools and other educational resources for educators.

This PBS series of one-hour specials explores global environmental issues. In Land of Plenty, Land of Want the focus is on sustainable agriculture in four distinctly different countries. Viewers see farming methods used throughout the world and will find commonalities among the problems faced by farmers. The Land of Plenty program and accompanying teaching materials (available on the website) were funded in part by SARE. The series is available for purchase.
This non-profit organization designs and builds teaching farms in Birmingham, Alabama with a focus on sustainable and organic agriculture. They operate a downtown farm, Pre-K–8 teaching farms known as “Farm Labs,” and a High School Urban Farm. Along with the farms, the group designs innovative, hands-on food education programs to improve student learning and increase student access to healthy food. Good School Food (GSF) is their in-school Pre-K-12 food education model. Located in several Birmingham City Schools, GSF involves building Farm Labs on school campuses, and providing partner schools with full-time instructors who collaborate with teachers to develop and deliver programs and curricula that align food and nutrition concepts with learning goals in math, science, social studies, engineering, and language arts.

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http://kidscanmakeadifference.org/
Age Range: Middle school – high school
Location: National

Kids Can Make a Difference (KIDS) is a program of iEARN (International Education and Resource Network), a non-profit global network that enables teachers and youth to use the Internet and other technologies. The KIDS program educates students about the root causes of hunger and poverty and who is most affected, and helps them identify actions they can take to help. The program consists of: 1. Teacher guide, Finding Solutions to Hunger: Kids Can Make a Difference, 2. newsletter, and 3. KIDS web site. The curriculum contains 25 lessons, fundraising ideas, and a listing of videos, books, and more that can support the lessons.

**LAND’S SAKE, INC.**
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http://www.landssake.org
Age Range: Grades PreK-9
Location: Massachusetts

Land’s Sake (LS) is a nonprofit organization that supports environmental education programs, food donation programs, and land management. Farm tours, after-school and summer programs explore topics such as farm life cycles, garden pollinators, organic farming, and soil health. Green Power programs (for 6th-9th graders) provide a local food immersion experience that includes hands-on farming and the opportunity to participate in stewardship activities.

**LAURIE M. TISCH CENTER FOR FOOD, EDUCATION & POLICY**
Teachers College
Columbia University
525 W 120th Street, Box 137
New York, NY 10027
(212) 678-3693
http://www.tc.columbia.edu/tisch/resources-overview/
Age Range: Grades 4–8
Location: National

The Tisch Food Center produces curricula independently and in collaboration with nonprofit food and nutrition education programs that engage children in exploring food systems, food choice, and personal health. The Linking Food and the Environment (LiFE) Curriculum is available for purchase and includes: Growing Food, Farm to Table & Beyond, and Choice, Control and Change. LiFE is a collaboration of the Science Education and Nutrition Education programs at Teachers College, Columbia University.
Liberty Prairie Foundation supports educational programming at the Prairie Crossing Farm. Their youth education program, The Prairie Farm Corps, helps lay the groundwork for a more resilient local food system by immersing youth in sustainable agriculture, providing mentoring, and reflecting on the collaboration between land and living systems. A diverse group of students get paid work experience on the Prairie Crossing Farm and gain job skills applicable to any career, the capacity to grow and cook fresh vegetables, and a hands-on introduction to sustainable agriculture. The Prairie Farm Corps is based on The Food Project, and uses some of their published educational curriculum.

The Minnesota Food Association (MFA) used an NCR-SARE Youth Educator Grant to pilot a new youth and family engagement program at their training farm in 2015. The pilot offered sessions to student groups and families, where youth could learn about basic sustainable agriculture practices and interact with current farmers in the MFA Big River Farms Farmer Training Program. Hands-on lesson plans were produced that introduced children to various sustainable agriculture concepts such as soil makeup, animal integration, the seed to table cycle, and the role of a farmer. See the grant report and lesson plans at: YENC15-085 - (2015) Big River Farms Youth & Family Engagement Program – a Project of the Minnesota Food Association.

This nonprofit, certified organic farm offers sustainable agriculture educational opportunities to youth of all ages. School programs are designed to supplement classroom curriculum by providing hands-on experiences on a working farm. Programs are aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. Public and Scout programs are also available.

National Farm to School Network (NFSN) is an information, advocacy, and networking hub for communities working to bring local food sourcing and food and agriculture education into school systems and preschools. Search the Resources Database for curricula and other resources related to sustainable agriculture. Search Our Network for state or region specific information and contacts on starting and operating farm to school programs.
The National Farmers Union developed the Growing Good Taste curriculum for grades 1-12 around the areas of environmental stewardship and the value of purchasing food locally from sustainable farms. Overviews and lesson plans are available on the website and include lessons such as: Grow Your Own Groceries and You Are What You Eat (Grades 9-12).

NATURAL RESOURCES, THE ENVIRONMENT, AND ECOSYSTEMS
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http://urbanext.illinois.edu/ecosystems/overview.html
Age Range: Grades 7-8
Location: National

Six teacher guides on ecosystems, climate, wildlife, integrated pest management, soil, and sustainable agriculture are available on the website. The lessons contain activities that help students become more aware of how plants, animals, and humans interact within ecosystems, and how one influences the other. The activities can be used singly or with other projects.

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
http://www.natureworkseverywhere.org
Age Range: Kindergarten – Grade 12
Location: National

The Nature Conservancy (TNC), through its Nature Works Everywhere program, helps students learn the science behind how nature works for us – and how it can be kept running strong. It gives teachers, students, and families the resources needed to start exploring nature around the globe, using interactive games and lesson plans that align to standards and can be customized for each classroom. Lessons plans and videos are available on the website and include: How Dirt Works; Gardens Activity Guide: Living Systems; Gardens Activity Guide: Habitat; and more. In addition, the Nature Works Everywhere Garden Grants program provides grants of $1000 to $2000 to provide teachers with resources to use gardening as a teaching tool.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION (NCR-SARE)
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http://www.northcentralsare.org/Grants/Our-Grant-Programs
Age Range: For Youth Educators teaching students of all ages
Location: Regional

NCR-SARE is part of a national grants and outreach program funded by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), USDA. Youth Educator Grants are available to provide opportunities for youth in the 12 North Central states (IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, WI) to learn more about Sustainable Agriculture – farming and ranching that is ecologically sound, profitable, and socially responsible. Educators use grants of up to $4000 to encourage young people and their parents to try sustainable practices and see sustainable agriculture as a viable career option.
Northeast Organic Farmers Association (NOFA-VT) agricultural education opportunities include The Farm to School Mentor Program, which expands agricultural awareness and education by linking farmers, gardeners, educators, children, and community members. It features the Farmer Correspondence Program, where farmers and classrooms develop a pen pal relationship. Vermont Food Education Every Day (VT FEED) is a collaboration between NOFA-VT and Shelburne Farms. VT FEED works with schools and communities to raise awareness about healthy food, the role of Vermont farms and farmers, and good nutrition. It helps rebuild healthy local food systems, and cultivates links between classrooms, cafeterias, local farms, and communities.

OAEC is an 80-acre research, demonstration, education, advocacy and community-organizing center that trains and supports communities to design and cultivate resilience to ecological, social and economic challenges. OAEC operates the Resilient Schools Program which supports public school districts nationwide serving vulnerable populations in designing long-term ecological, economic and cultural resilience into their classroom curriculum, campus environment, and surrounding community. Resilient Schools Training is held for teams of school community stakeholders in a K-12 district to design a long-term Resilience Action Plan (RAP). School Garden Teacher Training is for educators to learn the basics of organic gardening, permaculture garden design, curricular integration, team building, community organizing, fundraising and more. The program connects to Common Core Standards and Next Generation Science Standards with a STEM focus. The goal is to support school teams in integrating the instructional school garden into multiple subject areas using place-based, experiential learning.
This website, Purdue Soil Health, provides hands-on soil health educational activities for high school teachers, a photo and video library, and general information about Purdue soil health research and educational workshops. Ultimately, the goal of this collaborative work is improved, soil-friendly farming and gardening practices, thereby improving environmental quality, sustainability, and efficiency. The project was supported by a Professional Development Partner grant through the NCR-SARE program. For more information about this project and the resulting curriculum, read the final report at: ENC16-152 - (2016) Soil Health Education Resources for Teachers.

REAP's Farm to School program brings fresh, local, sustainably produced food to children, establishes reliable markets for local farms using sustainable agriculture practices, and provides hands-on education in Madison classrooms. Lessons are designed to engage students' senses as they explore the world of food and learn about local food, agriculture, nutrition, science, and sustainability. Teachers and AmeriCorps members help students learn how to make choices that are healthy for their bodies and for the planet. Lessons and worksheets are available on the REAP Resources page.
Scattergood is a Quaker-based college preparatory boarding and day school. The school's 126-acre campus includes a 35-acre farm with an organic vegetable garden, greenhouse, and livestock. The majority of food served for meals comes directly from Scattergood Farm in the form of organic fruits and vegetables, pastured pork, chicken and eggs and grass-fed beef and lamb. The Farm is a regular part of a Scattergood students’ life, serving as a living laboratory for various classes and projects. Students might take part in a farm crew, prepare locally grown food, or take farm data for a science lab. Scattergood Farm is also an important feature in the Scattergood academic curriculum, providing students with real-world examples to facilitate their understanding of key concepts. Scattergood has had several projects funded in part by NCR-SARE. Read about them at the following links:

YENC14-077 - (2014) Integrating High Tunnel Vermicomposting in a High School Science Curriculum
YENC15-092 - (2015) Erosion Control and Pollinator Habitat through Perennial Plantings on Scattergood Friends School Farm

The School of Adaptive Agriculture is a residential training program that equips the current and next generation of farmers with essential skills in the science, art and business of food production. The School of Adaptive Agriculture's 12-week program combines experiential learning while living and working side-by-side with other farmers on a 5,000-acre working ranch in Mendocino County, California with classroom-based learning in order to send students off with a comprehensive vocabulary, skill set, and understanding of the foundations of small scale agriculture. Over 25 field trips and 12 guest instructors participate in this unique learning experience, giving students a well-rounded education that helps launch them into their career in the food system. A Farm School Extension Series is also offered, opening up SAA classes to locals seeking to build their knowledge and skills in the science, art and business of food production. Register online at: http://www.school-of-adaptive-agriculture.org/extension
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https://seedsofsolidarity.org/newsletters-and-publications/
https://seedsofsolidarity.files.wordpress.com/2012/05/food-for-the-
solfinal_sm.pdf
(978) 544-9023
Age Range: High school
Location: Massachusetts

Seeds of Solidarity Education Center is a non-profit organization in Orange, MA that “awakens the power of youth, schools, and families to Grow Food Everywhere to transform hunger to health, and create resilient lives and communities.” The topics in this curriculum reflect the sequence that is carried out for the first 12 weekly sessions of their Seeds of Leadership Garden program each year, with a group of approximately 20 young people aged 15-18. Topics in this curriculum include Food and Energy, Farm to Fork, Social Justice in Food Systems, Youth Changemaking, Sustainability and Stewardship, and more. See the curriculum guide here: Food for the SOL: A Food, Justice and Community Building Curriculum for Youth

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(802) 985-8686
Age Range: Kindergarten – adult
Location: Vermont

Shelburne Farms (SF) is a nonprofit organization focused on educating young people for a sustainable future. Their headquarters are a 1,400-acre working farm, forest, and National Historic Landmark. SF staff work with young people and teachers in Vermont and worldwide. The SF Sustainable Schools Project helps schools integrate sustainability into curricula to cultivate responsible, informed citizens, engaged in building sustainable communities. See: Tools and Resources for sustainable agriculture curriculums and other materials for youth and educators.

SLOW FOOD USA
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Brooklyn, NY 11238
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http://www.slowfoodusa.org/
Age Range: All ages
Location: National

Slow Food USA (SF-USA) is part of the global Slow Food network with members in more than 150 countries. Their mission as an international grassroots membership organization is good, clean and fair food for all. SF-USA supports and promotes the educational and outreach activities of local chapters that advocate sustainability and biodiversity. SF-USA’s National School Garden Program (NSGP) aims to reconnect youth with their food by teaching them how to grow, cook and enjoy real food. See School Garden Resources for SF-USA’s Good, Clean and Fair School Garden Curriculum and other curriculums by SF-USA chapters and community. The Slow Food Youth Network (SFYN) connects upcoming generations of Slow Food members around the world. SFYN leaders work to inspire change in how we produce and consume food on the local and global levels.

SOIL SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA
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Madison, WI 53711
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http://soils4teachers.org/home
Age Range: Grades K-12
Location: National

The Soil Science Society of America (SSSA) is a professional scientific society, made up of soil scientists, educators, and consultants focused on promoting soil science, including enhancing soils topics in schools. The Soil 4 Teachers website includes lessons and activities on soil science divided by topics such as Soil Basics, Soils and Food, Human/Soil Interaction, and more. Other resources include a Glossary of terms, state soil booklets, and a list of over 80 lessons and activities divided by subject and grade level.
Teens for Food Justice (TFFJ) is a project of Students for Service (SFS), a nonprofit organization dedicated to instigating social change through hands-on service learning for teens. TFFJ brings food equity to urban communities where good nutrition and healthy food access are a challenge, and educates and empowers youth to be on the front lines of food justice work. This afterschool program trains youth, ages 12 to 18, to build and maintain indoor hydroponic farms that serve as local sources for fresh food and centers for nutrition and health education in their schools and communities. Students learn about urban farming technology and sustainable food systems as they grow food for their school, families, and neighbors, and are trained as health and nutrition ambassadors.

**SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**
http://sustainableaged.org/
Age Range: All ages
Location: National

Sustainable Agricultural Education Association (SAEA) is a nonprofit organization that promotes and supports the development, application, research, and exchange of best teaching and learning practices in sustainable agriculture education and curricula through communication, training, development, and collaborative activities for teachers and learners. They do this by hosting conferences, collecting sustainable agriculture educational program listings, and developing a digital library, among other activities. See the Resources tab on the website for a listing of K-12 educational resources.

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http://www.sagecenter.org/
Age Range: Grades 2 – 7
Location: National

Sustainable Agriculture Education (SAGE) is an entrepreneurial nonprofit organization that brings partners together to collaborate on innovative projects in urban and rural areas. SAGE educational materials include: *Kids Cook Farm-Fresh Foods*, a sustainable agriculture curriculum for grades 2 – 7 that was produced for the California Department of Education. The book includes recipes, activities, and farm profiles. *Farming in the Watershed*, a curriculum designed for visitors to Sunol AgPark that introduces the concept of stewardship, and provides a framework for on-site experiential education. The curriculum helps students explore the relationship between farming, food, water, and culture. It investigates the unique resources of the AgPark, including three working organic farms. Both curriculums can be downloaded at: http://www.sagecenter.org/publications/.  

Sustainable Agriculture Resources and Programs for K-12 Youth
Since 1988, the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program has helped advance farming systems that are profitable, environmentally sound, and good for communities through a national grants and outreach program that publishes books, bulletins, and online resources highlighting SARE-funded project results and other innovative research. Online resources are free. The program is funded through the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), USDA. SARE provides youth education resources through the Youth Educator Topic Room. Resources include curriculum created through SARE grants, a listing of *Sustainable Agriculture Resources and Programs for K-12 Youth*, the brochure *What is Sustainable Agriculture?*, a sustainable Agriculture poster, and more.

https://www.sare.org/Learning-Center/Topic-Rooms/Youth-Education

University of Nebraska educators worked with high school students to create educational modules in sustainable agriculture. Ten farmers in eastern Nebraska were paired with students at nearby high schools, who interviewed the farmers about their operations. The result is ten different views of agriculture – ten different examples of what “sustainability” might look like in practice. This program was partially funded by an NCR-SARE Professional Development Program Grant. See the video modules at the link above. For more information, see the grant report at: ENC10-116 - (2010) Sustainable Agriculture Learning Modules for High School Agriculture.

http://passel.unl.edu/communities/sustainableag

The Student Farm at UC Davis offers Educational Materials including sustainable agriculture activity guides for on-farm experiential learning for high school and college students. This collection of activity guides is designed for use with students who visit college and university farms and similar farm programs that are involved in youth education. The guides cover nine field-based activities focusing on diverse sustainable agriculture activities and concepts that can be completed within one hour.

http://asi.ucdavis.edu/programs/sf/resources
UP WE GROW!
A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF A SMALL, LOCAL FARM
Kids Can Press, Ltd.
2250 Military Road
Tonawanda, NY 14150
(416) 479-7000
http://www.kidscanpress.com/products/we-grow
Age Range: Pre-Kindergarten - 2nd Grade
Location: National

This picture book, written by Deborah Hodge and illustrated by Brian Harris, helps young children understand sustainable, organic farming, eating locally, and environmental stewardship. Children are invited into the world of a small, co-operative farm over four seasons. Readers discover the production practices and human interactions that make up small-scale, local farm culture.

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http://vitalcommunities.org/valleyfoodfarm/
Age Range: Kindergarten – 4th Grade
Location: National

Vital Communities (VC) is a nonprofit organization that brings together citizens, organizations, and municipalities in the Upper Connecticut River Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire to take on regional issues. Valley Food & Farm (VFF) is a VC program that provides marketing assistance, sales opportunities, advising, and education for farmers and community members. VFF developed Harvest Lessons, a Farm-to-School resource designed to teach students about healthy eating, local food, and natural history through hands-on, standards-based learning activities. See the Farm to School tab on the website for Harvest Lessons curricula and resources.
http://vitalcommunities.org/valleyfoodfarm/uvfts/harvestlessons/

Vital Communities received a Northeastern SARE Sustainable Community Innovation grant to explore FarmRaisers for schools. These are farm-based alternative fundraisers that build markets for local farms while providing families with fresh local farm products. Read about it at: CNE13-110 - (2013) FarmRaisers: Raising funds, kids, and crops in the Upper Valley.
WELLSPRING
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http://www.wellspringinc.org/
Age Range: All ages
Location: Wisconsin

Wellspring (WS) is a nonprofit education and retreat center that includes a certified organic farm and CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). Their mission is to inspire and teach people to grow, prepare and eat healthy food, and transform food systems and build community in the process. Youth programs include: Preschool Classes where preschoolers and their caregivers experience a morning on the farm; Agricorps, where teens ages 14-16 spend a week on the farm and learn how to grow veggies as well as business skills that can be applied to a career in sustainable agriculture or other endeavors; Summer Farm Camps where youth ages 6-16 attend one to five-day sessions to learn practical gardening skills while experiencing and connecting with where food comes from. In additions, WS has partnered with several Wisconsin school districts to create Farm to School initiatives that engage and teach youth about gardening and the source of their food. These programs are tailored to each school and include: Produce Taste Tests, Farm Field Trips, School Gardens, and Farmer in the Classroom.

ZENGER FARM
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http://zengerfarm.org/
Age Range: Preschool – adult
Location: Oregon

Zenger Farm is a working urban farm that models, promotes and educates about sustainable food systems, environmental stewardship, community development, and access to good food for all through experiential and science-based programs for youth and adults. Programs include: Farm Camp (K-9th grade), Farm Field Trips (preschool-adult), and the Urban Farm Home School Program (ages 5 to 14). Participants learn about sustainable farming practices, healthy soils, beneficial insects, wetland ecology, and where food comes from. Hand-on Service Learning Projects give participants the opportunity to be farmers and stewards of the land.

Many of the descriptions in this resource are excerpts from the websites or published materials produced by the programs mentioned.

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