

Farm & Food Advocacy Organizations and Resources

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National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition is a national alliance of family farm, food, conservation, rural and urban organizations that together advocate for federal agriculture and food policy reform. <http://sustainableagriculture.net/>

National Young Farmers Coalition is a national network of young and sustainable farmers organizing for our collective success: defining the issues that beginning farmers face, fighting for the policy change that we need, and bringing farmers together in person and online to learn, share and build a stronger community. <http://www.youngfarmers.org/>

Slow Food USA seeks to create dramatic and lasting change in the food system. We reconnect Americans with the people, traditions, plants, animals, fertile soils and waters that produce our food. We inspire a transformation in food policy, production practices and market forces so that they ensure equity, sustainability and pleasure in the food we eat. <http://www.slowfoodusa.org/> - <http://www.slowfoodusa.org/>

The Leopold Center established by the Iowa Legislature as part of the Iowa Groundwater Protection Act of 1987. Its legislatively mandated goals are to identify and reduce negative environmental and socio-economic impacts of agricultural practices, and contribute to the development of profitable farming systems that conserve natural resources. <http://www.leopold.iastate.edu>

Organic Farming Research Foundation's integrated strategy of grant making, policy, education and networking initiatives supports organic farmers' immediate information needs while moving the public and policymakers toward greater investment in organic farming systems. <http://www.ofrf.org>

National Agricultural Library specializes in identifying resources about sustainable food systems and practices in support of USDA's effort to ensure a sustainable future for agriculture and farmers worldwide.
http://afsic.nal.usda.gov/nal_display/index.php?info_center=2&tax_level=1

Farm to School Network

Creating a viable and sustainable structure to promote, institutionalize and catalyze farm to school programs as viable models for improving the economic viability of family-scale farmers and child nutrition. <http://www.farmtoschool.org/>

Center for Food & Justice

Holding a vision of a sustainable and socially just food system, CFJ engages in collaborative action strategies, community capacity-building, and research and education. <http://departments.oxy.edu/uepi/cfj/>

Community Food Security Coalition

Dedicated to building strong, sustainable, local and regional food systems that ensure access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food for all people at all times. http://www.foodsecurity.org/farm_to_school.html

American Farmland Trust helps farmers and ranchers protect their land, produce a healthier environment and build successful communities. <http://www.farmland.org>

Sustainable Research & Education Program has helped advance farming systems that are profitable, environmentally sound and good for communities through a nationwide research and education grants program. <http://www.sare.org>

LocalHarvest is an informational resource for the Buy Local movement and the top place on the Internet where people find information on direct marketing family farms. <http://www.localharvest.org/>

Food & Water Watch protects our essential resources by transforming the public consciousness about what we eat and drink and by helping people to take action to make a difference. <http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org>

Organic Consumers Association (OCA) is an online and grassroots non-profit public interest organization campaigning for health, justice, and sustainability. The OCA deals with crucial issues of food safety, industrial agriculture, genetic engineering, children's health, corporate accountability, Fair Trade, environmental sustainability and other key topics. <http://www.organicconsumers.org>

The Union of Concerned Scientists is the leading science based nonprofit working for a healthy environment and a safer world. Sustainable agriculture practices can protect the environment and produce high quality, safe, and affordable food. Our goal is to promote such practices while eliminating harmful CAFOs (confined animal feeding operations) and strengthening government oversight of genetically engineered food. http://www.ucsusa.org/food_and_agriculture/

The Center for Rural Affairs works to establish strong rural communities, social and economic justice, environmental stewardship, and genuine opportunity for all while engaging people in decisions that affect the quality of their lives and the future of their communities. <http://www.cfra.org/>

National Farmers Union helps the family farmer address profitability issues and monopolistic practices. NFU's mission is to protect and enhance the economic well being and quality of life for family farmers and ranchers and their rural communities. We believe that consumers and producers can work together to promote a quality domestic supply of safe food. <http://nfu.org>

Civil Eats promotes critical thought about sustainable agriculture and food systems as part of building economically and socially just communities. <http://civileats.com/>

Healthy Meals Resource System

Nutrition education resources for Farm-to-School and School Garden programs by the US Department of Agriculture.

http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/nal_display/index.php?info_center=14&tax_level=2&tax_subject=526&level3_id=0&level4_id=0&level5_id=0&topic_id=2314&&placement_default=0

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National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service is managed by the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) and is funded under a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Business & Cooperative Service. It provides information and other technical assistance to farmers, ranchers, Extension agents, educators, and others involved in sustainable agriculture in the United States.

<http://attra.ncat.org>

Food Democracy Now! is a grassroots movement initiated by farmers, writers, chefs, eaters and policy advocates who recognize the profound sense of urgency in creating a new food system that is capable of meeting the changing needs of American society as it relates to food, health, animal welfare and the environment.

<http://www.fooddemocracynow.org>

Rethinking School Lunch - Center for Ecoliteracy

Addressing school food policy, curriculum integration, nutrition education, the crisis in childhood obesity, and waste management.

<http://www.ecoliteracy.org/programs/rsl.html>

Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food

USDA's effort to create new economic opportunities by better connecting consumers with local producers. The start of a national conversation about the importance of understanding where your food comes from and how it gets to your plate.

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/knowyourfarmer?navid=KNOWYOURFARMER>

Time for Lunch - Slow Food USA

Asking parents, teachers and every responsible citizen to speak up and tell Congress that change can't wait: It's time to provide our children with REAL FOOD at school.

http://www.slowfoodusa.org/index.php/campaign/time_for_lunch/

The Lunch Box

Healthy tools that enable schools and school districts to make a healthy difference for all children in America by providing relevant information and the pragmatic tools necessary to make good food available for all kids. <http://www.thelunchbox.org/>

One Tray

Campaign to improve child nutrition by encouraging a more direct connection between local farms and federal nutrition. <http://onetray.org/>

Better School Food

Smarter brains, stronger kids and a healthier planet. <http://www.betterschoolfood.org/>

Two Angry Moms

Seeking to establish an imperative for taking better care of our kids by offering better food in schools and cleaning up the school food environment. <http://www.angrymoms.org/>

Small Farms/ School Meals Initiative Town Hall Meetings

A step-by-step guide on creating a town hall meeting to bring small farms and local schools together by the US Department of Agriculture <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Lunch/Downloadable/small.pdf>

Chef Ann Cooper

The renegade lunch lady, working to get wholesome, nutritious, and delicious food in schools to change the way our children are eating. <http://www.chefann.com/index.html>

School Lunch Talk

Dishes out the latest on public school food, from chicken nuggets and chocolate milk to legislation and regulations. <http://www.schoolfoodpolicy.com/>