



F2S - Open Something Great

GROWERS

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) oversees the Farm to School Program and is offering an incentive entitled "Farm to School – Open Something Great." This simple yet very beneficial opportunity offers to provide schools with food-grade boxes in which to receive local produce purchases. Not only does this initiative aid you by helping to lower your packaging costs, but it provides some food safety assurances to the school, knowing the produce will be packed in clean, food- grade boxes. Schools can request boxes by completing the application and survey identifying the number of growers they intend to order from. Each school will also receive Mark Bittman’s How to Cook Everything (10th Anniversary Edition) Cookbook and table tents to promote the local food being served.

Incentives for the Grower: (besides boxes, boxes and more boxes)

- **FREE BOXES**, take the hassle and expense out of ordering boxes
- **Provide students in your community with fresh, locally grown produce**
- **Establish and build relationships with local schools**

Participation Rules:

This initiative is available to all schools. If you are currently selling local produce to a school, contact them and encourage them to sign up. The target deadline is September 8; however, after that date we will continue to allocate boxes until they are gone.

If you are not currently working with a school and would like to, invite them to come visit your farm! Also, get registered in the Farm to School Directory at: <https://www.idalsdata.org/fmnp/index.cfm>

We hope to offer this initiative again next year!

If you have any questions regarding this initiative or the Farm to School Program contact: **Tammy Stotts** by phone, 515-281-7657, or email: tammy.stotts@iowaagriculture.gov

Complete this and return it to: _____

Grower Complete:

Name _____

Address _____ Email _____

Phone _____

Product	1/2 bushel	3/4 bushel	1 bushel	Produce bag
Quantity				