

STATE LOCAL FOODS FUND: UPDATED REIMBURSEMENT

Recent legislation has increased the amount
of reimbursement schools can receive from
Maine's Local foods fund!

Starting September 2025, the updated reimbursement allows
schools to receive \$1 for every \$2 spent on local foods, up to
\$10,000 (maximum reimbursement) per year (July 1 - June 30)

Schools can also receive an additional \$1,000 by attending a
Department of Education local foods training

ELIGIBLE PRODUCTS INCLUDE:

Produce, value-added dairy, protein, minimally processed and
value-added foods purchased directly from a farmer, farmers'
cooperative, local food hub, local food processor or distributor

Value-added or processed foods (other than dairy) must contain
at least 51% local ingredients and apply to qualify. Please visit our
website for application and list of current approved products.

For more information, head to
<https://www.maine.gov/doe/schools/nutrition/programs/localfoods/producefund>
or scan QR code:



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MAINE HARVEST OF THE MONTH

Harvest of the Month, or HOM, is a nationwide marketing campaign that promotes the use of season-specific products in schools. Every month, specific local products are highlighted and schools pledge to serve the products and are encouraged to provide educational materials and activities.

YOUR PART IN SCHOOLS:

- Pledge to HOM
- Serve the local HOM product in the school at least two times per month
- Display HOM materials that are provided to you by the Department of Education (DOE) Child Nutrition team
- Schools are also encouraged to operate educational activities including taste testing or including HOM in classroom curriculum
- Send DOE Maine HOM team monthly updates (to be featured in newsletters, website, social media)

OUR PART AT MAINE DOE:

- Provide marketing materials such as posters, recipes source cards, and more!
- Training and ongoing technical support, as needed
- Monthly newsletters
- Recognize schools that partake in HOM

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFO & PLEDGE TO HOM!

