

**Farm to School Update from Jekyll Island meetings**  
*Recommendations for CFSC in red.*

Note: There were two planned meetings –

- (a) Open informational meeting about National F2S network and
- (b) for RLAs only.

However, due to time and space constraints, the agendas for the two meetings were somewhat modified from what was circulated earlier. Here are the major updates and items discussed that are relevant to the RLAs:

**(a) Open Informational Meeting**

Present: Kathy Lawrence, Ed Cooney, Denise O'Brien, Amy Paxton, Alice Ammerman, Phyllis Fleming, Deborah Webb, Kate Mackenzie, Le Adams, Jim Dyer, Vonda Richardson, Glyen Holmes, Kristen Markley, Emily Jackson, Tegan Hagy, Pam Roy, Marion Kalb, Anupama Joshi

1. Updates from regions / Discussion on establishment of Regional Steering Committees

Tegan – selection based on geography, food service and farmer representation. Planning a first conference call soon. Mid Atlantic region will be contributing to the national e-newsletter for November.

Emily – Regional meeting proposed around the Southern SAWG meeting, but looking at other options.

Glyen – focus on connecting farmers and food service, working within existing policies for each school district and state.

Le- Southwest Marketing Network Conference in May 2008 will host the Regional meeting. Region's major focus is on Informational Services and Policy. Need to find out who is doing what in the region, have created a F2S video. Regional Steering Committee is in place, since each state has a representative.

2. Policy Update – see latest policy update on farm bill

3. Media Update – see attached document.

4. Discussion on what the group wants CFSC to do on farm to school:

- Continue to have F2S as an organizational priority
- Need clarity on various projects (UPS / FSA etc.) and roles
- Revive farm to school list serve

- Revive Train the Trainers proposal and resubmit for funding

**(b) RLA meeting**

1. Farm to School Spotlight

Southeast (Emily Jackson) – Conducting cooking demos in schools and Headstart programs. A pool of 27 chefs identified and on board with the program, more experienced chefs mentor new ones to work on this program. Conduct one hour sessions in the classrooms (k-4), organize a farm field trip for chefs.

Southwest (Le Adams) – Planning a healthy school fundraiser using local farm products. Project is supported by the Action for Healthy Kids, which may promote this as a national model if it is successful. Both raw agricultural products and processed (within NM) foods will be used, for e.g. peanuts, organic wheat flour, pecans, sweet onions. Teachers claim that kids will not be interested and willing to repack products into smaller packs or gift packs for the fundraiser. **They are presently looking for a pilot school.**

2. Evaluation of the National Farm to School Network project

UNC Chapel Hill with principal investigator Alice Ammerman has been selected as evaluators for the network. UNC team (Alice Ammerman, Phyllis Fleming and Amy Paxton) shared the proposed plan for evaluation. The plan will involve (a) evaluation of the network activities nationally and in the regions, and (b) evaluation of selected program sites across the country. UNC will seek inputs from RLAs for (a) developing templates and surveys for data collection and monitoring of project implementation, and (b) identifying project sites to be selected for evaluation. UNC will modify plan and send out by first week of Dec for review by the RLAs. A joint RLA call with evaluators will be planned before the holidays to finalize the evaluation plan and agree on next steps.