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*To:* Authorized & Secondary Representatives of the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) – CCI, AR, ES, ADC, OSH, FDCH

*From:* Community Nutrition Team

*Subject:* Farm to Early Care and Education

October is National Farm to School Month! Farm to School isn't just for school-age children. Good nutrition and food education are important to our littlest learners. That's where Farm to Early Care and Education (ECE) comes in. We want to hear about YOUR Farm to Early Care and Education Activities to highlight all the great things Wisconsin agencies are doing!

Is your agency planning any **Farm to ECE activities**, such as **visiting a local farm** or **harvesting your garden**? If so, send us an [email](#) with pictures or success stories of how you incorporated local or regional foods onto your meals. Are you planning to introduce a new local fruit or vegetable, but wondering how to efficiently prepare it in the kitchen? Check out the [Chop! Chop! Culinary Skills Training Video Series](#) created by WI Team Nutrition, CESA Nutrition Purchasing, and the Center for Integrated Agriculture.

Be sure to register your agency for the [Third Annual Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch](#) happening on Thursday, October 13! Why register? You will receive an updated copy of the Crunch Guide, and your event will help meet the goal of #OneMillionCrunches this year. Registration and more information can be found at [www.cias.wisc.edu/applecrunch](http://www.cias.wisc.edu/applecrunch).

Once again, [let us know](#) about the great things you are doing! Be sure to tag Community Nutrition Team on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#), and use the following hashtags throughout October to share the exciting events happening at your agency: **#Farm2ECE #GreatAppleCrunch16 #OneMillionCrunches**.