

# Connecting with Farmers

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# Where to connect with farmers?

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- County Offices Extension and Farm Bureau
- Commodity Organizations such as American Dairy Mideast, Ohio Pork Producers, etc.
- Local Farm Market
- Ohio Proud Website <http://ohioproud.org/>



# Things to Consider

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- Seasonality Challenges – Ohio Harvest is summer/fall and it's challenging to procure fresh produce in the off season. However, canned and frozen items may be available.
- Process – ODE will expand on later
- Inventory Challenges
  - Coops or food hubs can be easier to buy from because they can combine inventory from several farmers because sometimes individual farmers can't meet the demand.





# Food Safety in Farm to School

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# Helpful Resources

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- Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Food Safety <https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/divisions/food-safety>
- National Farm to School Network <http://www.farmtoschool.org/>
- USDA Food & Nutrition Service <https://www.fns.usda.gov/>
- OSU Extension Farm to School <https://farmtoschool.osu.edu/>



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