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2017 Supplemental - Healthier Food Options: Measure 1.2.Y.c.
(Nutritious Foods - Washington Schools) and Measure 1.2.A.f. (Food
Pantries, Farmers Markets, Meal Programs)



Goal 4, Leading Indicators 1.2.A.f and 1.2.Y.c

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Goal 4 – Healthy and Safe Communities

Leading Indicator 1.2.Y.c:

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Current State: Where we are and where we are going

2014:

- 90% of schools utilizing WA grown foods from those school districts that returned surveys.

2016:

- 98% of schools utilizing WA grown foods from those school districts that returned surveys.

We have made notable progress on this measure AND there is a great opportunity to do even better.

- Nearly all schools are able to report serving Washington grown food products – such as milk and apples – that they regularly serve and purchase through their standard distributors that originate in Washington.
- This also highlights the opportunity going forward to grow the overall amount of nutritious, Washington grown food in schools by increasing the number of Washington grown products they serve and the number of Washington farms that they procure food products from.
- Schools report they are interested in increasing farm to school activities.

Celebrate Taste of Washington Day on October 4th, 2017

What is Taste of Washington Day?

- Schools across the state highlight Washington farm grown products in their cafeteria.
- WSDA promotes the event in coordination with Washington School Nutrition Association (WSNA) and OSPI.



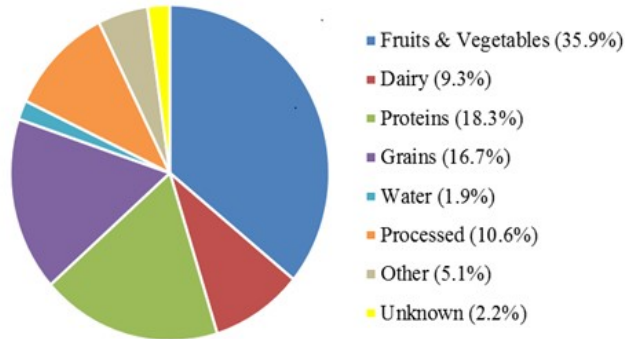
Goal 4 – Healthy and Safe Communities

Leading Indicator 1.2.A.f:

Increase the percentage of healthier food options being offered to low-income children and families through food pantries, farmers markets, and meal programs by 5% from \$198.6 in 2014 to \$208.5 by 2017.

Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)

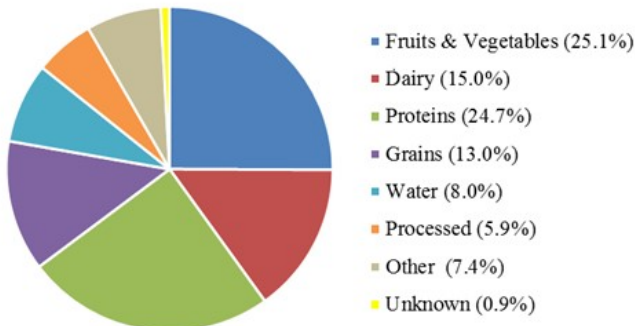
EFAP Food Pantry HFOR Results



- Collect information from 500 food pantries and meal programs.
- One in every six Washingtonians used the services of their local food pantry in 2016.
- The percent of healthy EFAP food options is up 0.6% compared to baseline.
 - Dairy is up 1.6%
 - Protein is up 1.4%
 - Grains is up 1.8%

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

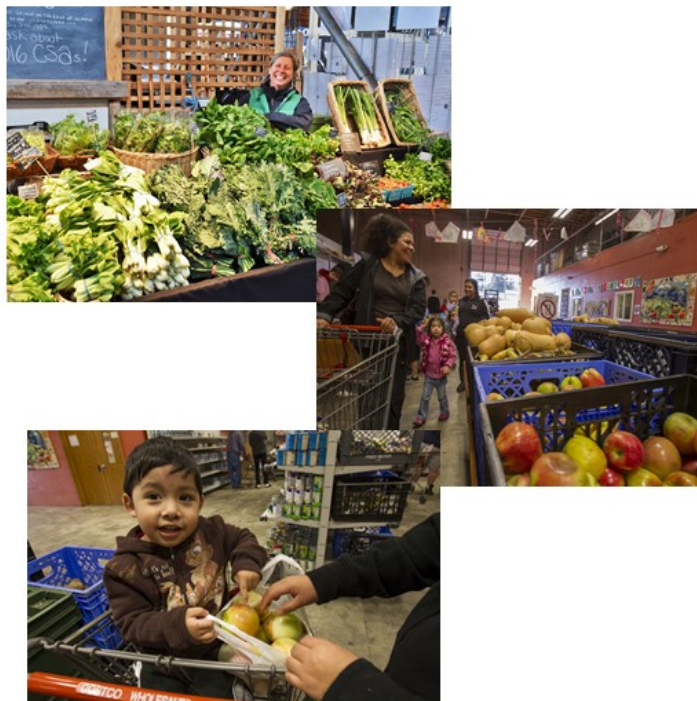
TEFAP Meal Program HFOR Results



- The percent of healthy TEFAP food options is up 2.5% compared to baseline.
 - Dairy is up 2.6%
 - Protein is up 0.5%

Farm to Food Pantry Program (F2FP)

What impact are we making?

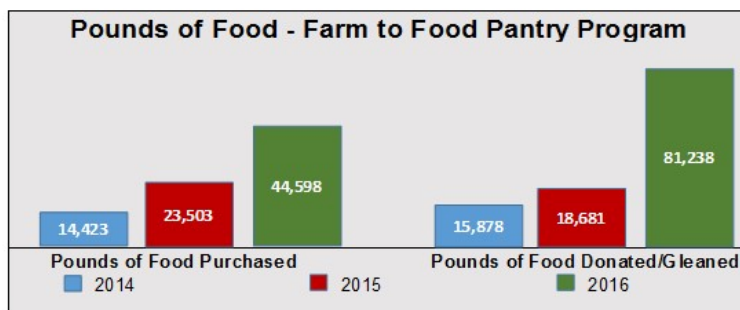


- In 2016, 112 food pantries were participating in 15 counties.
- With support for the Dept. of Health's SNAP-Ed grant the program added new locations in:
 - Whitman County in 2017
 - Yakima County in 2018
- Since 2014, the number of pounds of fresh produce purchased by food pantries has increased by 209% and pounds of fresh produce donated has increased by 412%.

Farm to Food Pantry Program (F2FP)

Helps strengthen relationships between farmers and food pantries by:

- Increasing the amount of local produce available in the emergency food system.
- Supporting local growers to create new distribution and purchasing relationships.
- Developing mechanisms to encourage future donations and gleaning opportunities for fresh produce.



I would like to thank you all for supporting our Regional Markets team with a one-time increase of \$250,000 for this biennium.

This funding is critical in supporting increased access to nutritious foods and for supporting our small and direct marketing farmers.

The importance of partnerships is also highlighted in the great work DOH is doing in their SNAP-ED and FINI grant work and we are happy to support these efforts.

Veterans Affairs is doing a spectacular job supporting veteran farmers, which a few are already participating in our farm to food pantry program.

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