

Holdingford Schools participates in Farm to School activities in several ways:

1. In cooperation with our HHS FFA program and Agriculture classes, we have an extensive garden in several locations on the school grounds. Students start plants in the greenhouse, grow early and late season crops in the high tunnel and have several outdoor gardens. In addition, we have raised beds near the 6<sup>th</sup> grade pod in the Elementary and are anxiously waiting for our apple trees to produce fruit. The items grown in the school garden are harvested by FFA students throughout the spring, summer and fall. Foodservice staff work some days in the summer to clean and process produce for lunches for the next school year.
2. With the help of a grant from the MN Department of Agriculture, we purchase and use locally produced deli meats. The grant was used to purchase a new meat slicer in 2016.
3. We purchase or accept donations from several local growers. Items we have received or purchased in the past include cabbage, strawberries, pears, apples, potatoes, pumpkins, squash and rhubarb.

Anyone interested in learning more about our Farm to School activities is encouraged to contact the Foodservice Director, Melissa Anderson at [Melissa.anderson@isd738.org](mailto:Melissa.anderson@isd738.org) or our Ag Instructor, John Roberts at [john.roberts@isd738.org](mailto:john.roberts@isd738.org).