The Montana Beef to School (B2S) Project is a three-year collaborative project between beef producers and processors, schools, researchers at Montana State University, National Center for Appropriate Technology, Montana Department of Agriculture, and various community partners whose goal it is to increase the use of local beef in every Montana school. We will be looking into ways that beef to school can benefit schools, ranchers, and local meat processors, as well as highlight best practices from Montana communities. In the meantime, we have suggestions to help get you started on bringing Montana beef into your school! Stay tuned as we work through this process and continue to provide you with best practice guidelines.

Are you a producer, processor, or community member?

Find the school’s food service directory or head cook, make contact and ask if local beef is served.

If yes, thank the food service director for their fantastic work!

If not, ask the food service director if they are interested in getting help. Suggest the

Are you a food service director who wants to serve local beef?

1. Use NCAT’s database to find producers interested in working with schools.
2. Provide or review the resources listed below on this handout.
3. Contact the Montana Beef to School project by emailing beef2school@gmail.com
Beef to School Basics

Did you know that Montana schools are able to purchase beef from both State and Federally inspected meat plants? Find a processing facility near you:


The Montana National Farm to School Network provides guidelines about purchasing local foods, including beef: http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/Farm2School.html


Many Montana schools are already serving local beef! Learn about successful beef to school programs in Montana at: http://farmtocafeteria.ncat.org/beef-to-school/.

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