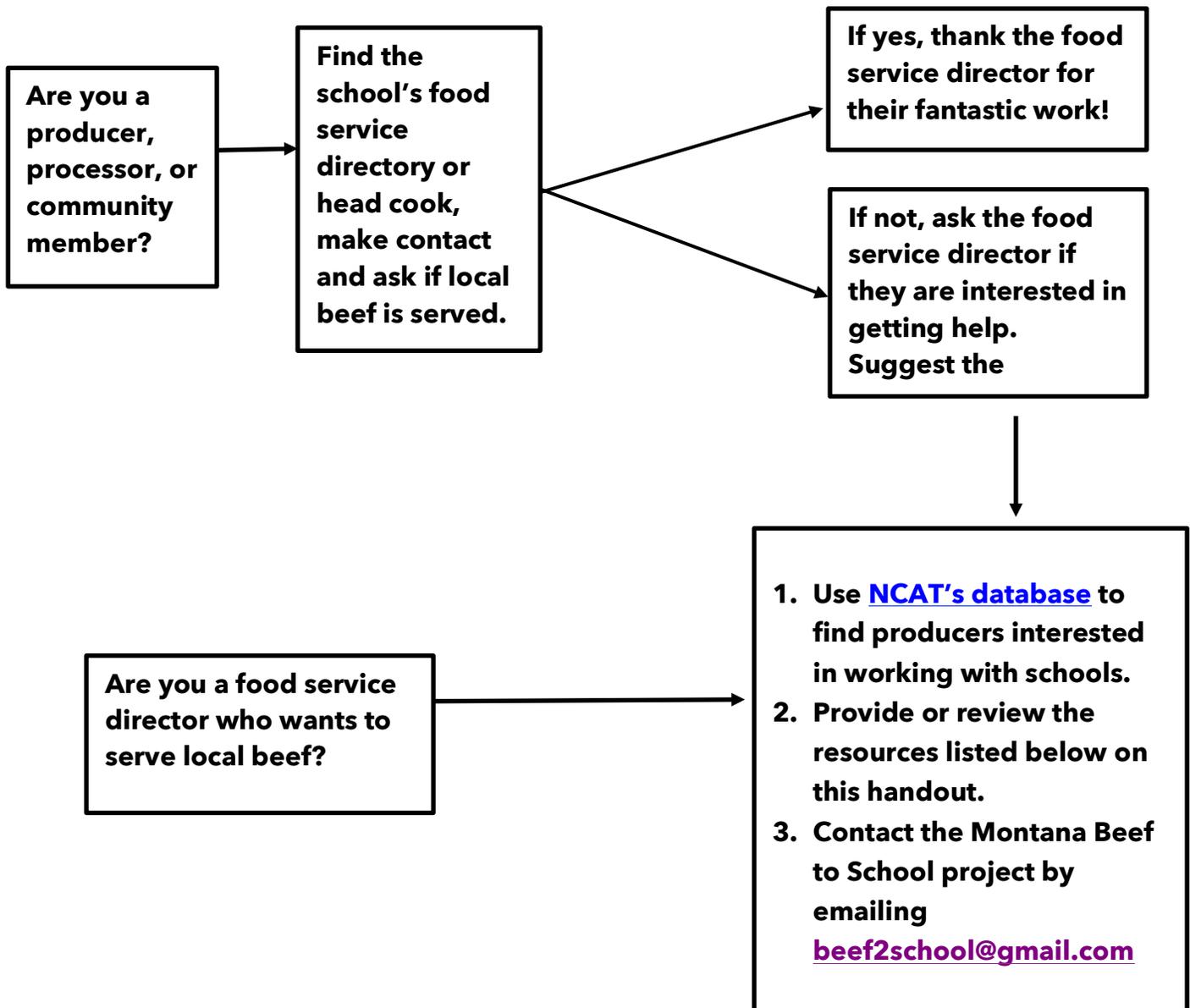




Beef to School Basics



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.





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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:

- State Inspected Facilities: <http://liv.mt.gov/MI/state-inspected-plants.mcp>
- Federally Inspected Facilities:
<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/inspection/mpi-directory>

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

- For more information on purchasing local food and resources specific to Montana, check out the Montana Farm to Cafeteria Manual at:
http://farmtocafeteria.ncat.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/FTC_Manual_090313.pdf.

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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