

(6) The Legislature, recognizing that school children need nutritious food not only for healthy physical and intellectual development but also to combat diseases related to poor nutrition and obesity, establishes the Florida Farm Fresh Schools Program within the department. The program shall comply with the regulations of the National School Lunch Program and require:

(a) The department to develop policies pertaining to school food services which encourage:

1. School districts to buy fresh and high-quality foods grown in this state when feasible.
2. Farmers in this state to sell their products to school districts and schools.
3. School districts and schools to demonstrate a preference for competitively priced organic food products.

(b) School districts and schools to make reasonable efforts to select foods based on a preference for those that have maximum nutritional content.

(c) The department to provide outreach, guidance, and training to school districts, schools, school food service directors, parent and teacher organizations, and students about the benefits of fresh food products from farms in this state.

**History.**—s. 271, ch. 2002-387; s. 1, ch. 2008-190; s. 16, ch. 2009-59; s. 1, ch. 2010-183; s. 5, ch. 2011-217.

**Note.**—Former s. 1006.06.