

# Bring the Farmer to Your School

The Bring the Farmer to Your School Program is a collaboration between Sustainable Economic Enterprises of Los Angeles (SEE-LA) and Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) that allows local farmers to deliver interactive presentations while teaching students about local agriculture and the importance of eating more fresh fruits and vegetables. Through 2017, the program is funded by the California Department of Food and Agriculture 2015 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. Bring the Farmer to Your School, the only program of its kind in Los Angeles County, brings local California farmers into Title I LAUSD classrooms to deliver interactive presentations about agriculture, farming as a career, and the importance to good health of eating more fresh fruits and vegetables. Students have a chance to ask questions, see pictures, and taste farm-fresh locally-grown produce. Farmers often bring varieties of fruits and vegetables that are unknown to students, like blood oranges, purple carrots, or cherimoya. In the spring of 2016, 10 local farmers served approximately 51,000 LAUSD students. This year, we are actively inviting parents to attend the farmers' presentations.

## **Format 1: Farmer in the Classroom**

The Farmer in the Classroom format provides students with a 30-minute interactive presentation by a farmer. Visits take place during regular school hours with farmers presenting to 250 students per day. At the end of each presentation, students receive a sample of locally-grown produce from the farmer's personal farm.

## **Format 2: Farmer Produce Stand**

The Farmer Produce Stand format was designed for students to enjoy and learn while participating in a school-wide event such as a Health Fair or Open House. Farmers set up a stand as they would at a farmers' market and include educational visual aids. Students visiting the Farmer Produce Stand learn about the farm, healthy eating, and leave with a sample of produce.

**We, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of School),  
would like to participate in the Bring the Farmer to Your School Program.**

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