



# FARM to CAFETERIA Canada

*Together, closing the distance between farm and fork to bring the highest quality foods into the places where Canadians work, learn, are healed and play.*

**Dear Health Care and Food Service Providers,**

***Farm to Cafeteria Canada (F2CC) is conducting the first ever nation wide survey of activities to bring local, nutritious and sustainably produced foods into health care facilities.*** We are looking for hospitals, long-term care facilities and public health units that are interested in (or already engaged in) activities to bring the highest quality foods possible to patients, visitors and staff. If your facility is purchasing local foods for patient or retail food service, developing local food procurement policy, growing foods or composting food wastes onsite, promoting fresh and healthy local foods, hosting Community Food Basket Programs, farmers markets or pocket markets - we want to hear from you.

Farm to Cafeteria Canada is a national network managed and administered by Public Health Association of British Columbia (PHABC) and the Alberta Public Health Association (APHA) and guided by a 14 member advisory committee comprised of leads from prominent health, nutrition, food agriculture, agencies across Canada. PHABC and our many partner organizations including the University of New Brunswick, the Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care, Sustain, Equiterre, Food Matters Manitoba, and Meal Exchange support this survey. We encourage all health care facilities to take part so that we can all learn from the shared information.

Click [here](http://fluidsurveys.com/s/farm-to-cafeteria-survey/) to access the Health Care survey  
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**Please feel free to disseminate this announcement to other interested parties within the Health Care sector.**

As part of this project, surveys will also be sent to Canadian schools, universities, and colleges. The results will help inform strategic planning that will enable Farm to Cafeteria Canada to better support activities nationwide. The results of the surveys will be used to identify:

- ✓ Types of farm to cafeteria activities and programs occurring in Canadian schools, universities, colleges and healthcare facilities
- ✓ Benefits, barriers, needs, and strategies associated with farm to cafeteria activities
- ✓ Suggested actions to further farm to cafeteria activities in Canada

Your individual responses will remain confidential. This project has been reviewed by the University of New Brunswick Research Ethics Board and is on file as REB 2012-052 (schools) and REB 2012-068 (campuses and health care facilities). More information on the survey is available in the survey introduction (click on the survey link below). Please complete the survey by **July 30, 2012**.

For further details please contact the national Farm to Cafeteria Canada survey team leads at [farmtocafeteriasurvey@gmail.com](mailto:farmtocafeteriasurvey@gmail.com)) or email your provincial Farm to Cafeteria Canada representative (see the following page). If you have questions, please contact Dr. Mary McKenna, University of New Brunswick, [farmtocafeteriasurvey@gmail.com](mailto:farmtocafeteriasurvey@gmail.com), 506-451-6872.

Sincerely,

Farm to Cafeteria Canada Advisory Committee



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