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This form is crucial in gauging participation in farm to school across the US. USDA plays such an important role in moving this work forward and the farm to school census allows them to see how better they can support schools and in turn, farmers. With so much pressure on the Buy American Act, Farm to School is the most reliable way to ensure we are supporting american agriculture. I help run a school nutrition program and understand providing feedback and information is necessary. I have filled out the form and it is easy to do. I hope the form will also address Local Food for Schools and the recent cuts that have directly impacted my program here in WA state. I would like an opportunity to tell the USDA how the LFS program was a positive thing and why the cuts have been devastating. LFS is a form of farm to school and has made supporting local farmers so much easier.

To summarize, the form requires minimal time to complete is not a burden at all. The Farm to School census is directly related to the USDA programs I participate in on a local level.