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Save the Farm to School Census! The Farm to School Census is a much needed document of data history that is utilized by numerous organizations at the local, state, and federal levels to determine the effectiveness of the Farm to School movement. The Census results empowers our nation's farms with knowledge of production longevity and the effect on our nation's students in the reach of farm to school education and depth of distribution for our nation's most precious commodity - nutritious, locally produced farm foods.

The United States is in a state of emergency with an obesity epidemic at center stage. It is imperative that the progressive work of Farm to School continues and continues to be evaluated to facilitate an ever-growing landscape of students learning about and tasting healthy, nutritious foods. Through my work in Farm to School with the Kansas City Food Hub (a farmer owned, farmer run cooperative), I saw first hand how skeptical students and school facilitators turned into true believers when they were introduced to the bounty that our local farms produce. They were amazed at the difference in taste and saw the students demanding these fresh, healthy foods!

PLEASE keep the Census so that we may continue our Farm to School work in creating a healthier, more equitable food system for ALL students!