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**60-DAY FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE COMMENTS RECEIVED HANNA**



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**Comment:** My name is Beth Hanna and I provide support for school districts across Wisconsin to start or expand their farm to school activities. The USDA Farm to School Census is an incredibly important tool for our work. We rely on the information gathered to make a case for the strong economic impact schools have when they purchase local products. Low milk prices have caused a dairy crisis for farmers and rural communities in our state. Information gathered from the USDA Farm to School Census is critical in helping to show the collective purchasing power of schools and other institutions as a part of the solution to our current dairy crisis. To ensure that the Census remains a relevant and impactful tool, I recommend the following changes: 1. Better capture the ECE setting. The current survey collects information from school-based CACFP sites of which Wisconsin has very few. Including all CACFP sites would better represent the farm to ECE work occurring in my community. And please consider continuing these current practices: 1. I appreciate the opportunity to see which school districts have not completed the Census before it closes. Being able to send reminders to school districts that have yet to respond increases our response rate and better reflects the farm to school efforts occurring in my community. 2. Generally, the length of the survey (22 pages) takes a toll on busy food service directors. Opportunities to celebrate their efforts, like the One in a Melon award, are helpful in communicating the importance of their work. \*🌐

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