



Slow Food USA®

# National School Garden Program

## At a glance...



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## Our Mission

Slow Food USA's **National School Garden Program** aims to reconnect youth with their food by teaching them how to grow, cook and enjoy real food. Through increased confidence, knowledge gain and skill building, we want to empower children to become active participants in their food choices. By becoming informed eaters, today's children will help make a positive impact in the larger world of food and farming well into the future.



The expansion of Slow Food USA's National School Garden Program brings an abundance of resources to Slow Food chapters and schools across the country. We are excited to share the key components of our program:

### National School Garden Program Website Resources

Our [website](#) is loaded with Slow Food USA original material and resources from our local chapters to support your school garden activities, including:

- Current academic research on “why school gardens”
- Starting and maintaining your garden (planning, fundraising, grants, volunteers etc.)
- In the classroom (curriculum and suggested reading)
- In the cafeteria (Garden to Cafeteria, food safety, getting started with farm to school)
- In the community (Youth Farmers Markets, pantry donations, and engaging local farmers and chefs)
- Professional development workshops for teachers, volunteers and school garden leaders



### Slow Food USA School Garden Map

Join 500+ schools and add your Slow Food-inspired school garden to our [Map of the United States!](#)



## Slow Food USA Publications

### Good, Clean and Fair School Garden Curriculum

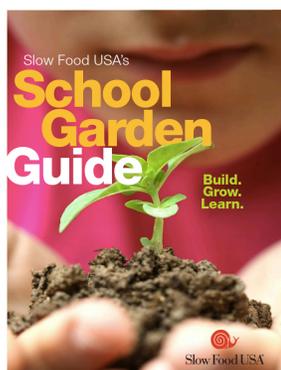
In 2015, we published the first volume “Good.” Using a food-centric approach and geared toward all ages, “Good” contains lessons on sensory education and kitchen skills and tools. “Clean” will be about sustainable gardening and “Fair” will focus on food systems and social justice.

**Clean:** coming in late 2015  
**Fair:** coming in 2016



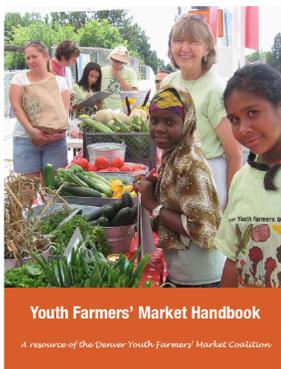
### The School Garden Guide

From planning and design to curriculum, fundraising, volunteers and school policy, this comprehensive “how-to” guide offers a list of best practices and a clear roadmap for developing a successful school garden program in any community, based on Slow Food values of Good, Clean and Fair.



### Youth Farmers Market Handbook

Youth Farmers Markets (YFM) provide educational opportunities by reinforcing traditional academics such as math and science and building life skills such as customer service, conflict resolution, and entrepreneurship. The model also supports nutrition education training, community building, and fundraising. This handbook will get you started on planning and implementing your YFM.



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### Share your school garden story!

We want to feature you on our [blog](#).

Join one of our [monthly webinars](#) or view our [events calendar](#) for upcoming conferences, workshops and more!



### Consulting and Technical Assistance from our National Team

- Professional Development for teachers and garden leaders
- How to conduct taste education and garden classes
- Training in Youth Farmers Markets, Garden to Cafeteria, food safety, and farm to school
- Connecting schools to local chefs and farmers
- Applying for school garden grants
- Convening local partners
- Produce for Pantries food donations
- School garden and farm to school program evaluation
- Community assessments and garden surveys
- “Global Garden Exchange” International Pen Pal Program

