THE FFVP THYMES



A MONTHLY RESOURCE TO SUPPORT AND INSPIRE YOUR USDA FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM!

Monthly Spotlight: Perfectly Pink Pineapples!







Winnisquam, as well as other NH schools, have been taste testing pink pineapple! Some of the ripe pieces reportedly taste of strawberry! Has your SAU tried pink pineapple?





NH Products for Your FFVP Program This Month







- Apples
- Beet Greens
- Potato
- Rutabaga
- Salad Greens

• Snow Peas

- Spinach
- Swiss Chard
- Turnips
- Winter Squash

NH Grant Opportunity -Still time to apply!

There is still time to apply for the <u>NH F2S School Gardens</u> <u>Grant</u>! Interested in starting or expanding a school garden? The Office of Nutrition Programs and Services released a Request for Applications on March 8, 2024, for SY24-25. Help us spread the word and share with your network! Applications are due by May 3, 2024.



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FFVP Training Topics May Include:

- Application & Selection
- Maximizing your FFVP Budget
- Allowable vs. Unallowable Costs
- Purchasing & Serving Fresh Fruits and Vegetables
- Menu Planning
- Food Safety in FFVP
- FFVP Claims
- Nutrition Education and Program Promotion
- Other? Share your ideas!

ONPS wants to hear from you!

1. FFVP Training Survey

The FFVP will be included in the 2024 NSLP Summer Training. To better assist ONPS with developing an FFVP training, please consider taking this <u>short survey</u> on FFVP topics you would like to discuss during training. See the list of FFVP Training Topics for ideas. Thank you in advance!



Link to FFVP Training survey: <u>https://forms.gle/3YoV8hsRReo252uM8</u>

2. Have an FFVP story or best practice to share?

Email Bridget.R.Resse@doe.nh.gov to share a story or best practice. From service techniques to serving a new vegetable, we would love to hear how you're making FFVP a success and highlight your story in a future FFVP Thymes!



A message from NH Farm to School Network

The Kids Gardening Community is a free community supporting individuals and organizations with the skills, tools, and connections to garden with kids and scale transformative programs. Consider joining the <u>new</u> <u>Northeast Regional Discussion Group</u> with access to northeast, <u>state-specific resources</u>.



**Reminder: If your SAU has a February FFVP claim, it must be submitted by April 29, 2024.



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