

Albuquerque Public Schools and Local Produce



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How does Albuquerque Public Schools utilize local
produce?

Entire District When Possible

Valley Produce Program

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138 Schools

90,000 + / - Students

38,000 Lunch Servings

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Valley Produce Program

12 Schools

1 High - 2 Middle - 9 Elementary

3,200 serving

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Growing Areas That Have Been Used In Albuquerque Public
Schools :

Albuquerque

Española

Alcalde

Corrales

Velarde

Farmington

San Antonio

Los Lunas

Dixon

Moriarty

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Valley Produce Program Items Used In Past:

Salad Greens

Plums

Grapes

Peas

Cherry Tomato

Mini Bells

Watermelon

Potatoes

Variety of Apples

Cantaloupe

Carrots

Green Beans

Heirloom Tomato

Bell Pepper

Zucchini

Nectarine

Peach

Honeydew

Spinach

Jalapeno

Cherry Pepper

Pear

Cabbage

Cucumbers

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How Do We Determine What Local Items to use?

We incorporate items into the menu as much as we can by:

Exchanging in fresh local items for canned fruit and vegetables.

Adding in salad greens and spinach to salads.

Exchanging in fresh local items for commercial fruit and vegetables.

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What does Albuquerque Public Schools expect from local produce?

Safe

High Quality

Pest Free

Timely Delivery

Traceability



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In reality, what is the largest issue in purchasing local produce?

Price

Growing Season



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What does Albuquerque Public Schools see for future plans?

Tour of Farms

Signage of Produce

Farmer Presentations at Schools



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How Does a Local Grower Get Their Product Into Albuquerque
Public Schools?

Become an APS Vendor

Submit an Official Bid

Work With Other Growers or Networks



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What is needed to become a vendor with Albuquerque Public Schools?

Public Liability Insurance

Auto Insurance

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Department

Procurement



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Late May / Early June Bids Go Out
Bids Open Mid July
Re -Bid Monthly

Bid Period-
August 1st - July 31st

