

Suggested language may only apply to minimally processed agricultural products such as: fruit, vegetables, eggs, pasteurized milk; and butchered livestock, fish and poultry.

Suggested language for adding local preference in the formal bid

1. The district name will give preference to the vendor who will agree to search out and offer locally grown and produced fruits, vegetables, and poultry for use by the district name. “Locally grown” is defined as items grown in Alabama or 75 miles from the Alabama boarder.

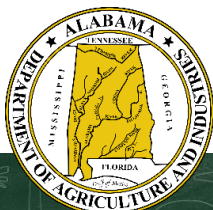
Suggested language for the right to go off contract

(Adding a right to go off contract clause in your formal bid is recommended if you plan to make purchases from local growers)

1. From time to time, school systems have a limited opportunity to purchase a limited amount of local fresh produce that they reserve the right to do.
2. It is the intent of this solicitation to award all the line item products to one prime vendor. However, in support of our farm to school efforts, the district reserves the right to purchase (competitively solicit) comparable products off bid and directly from local farmers and producers as they are available. pg.102
3. Right to Additional Competition: District name occasionally purchases large quantities of specific items and expressly reserves the right to purchase these and other similar items via other competitive methods if deemed in the best interest of district name . pg.62

Reference

Procuring Local Foods for Child Nutrition Programs, USDA, 2015.





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Local Fruit and Vegetable Procurement in the Formal Bid

