



## Jones Valley Teaching Farm & Alabama Farm to School: Growing Opportunities for Students Across Alabama

Jones Valley Teaching Farm is excited to formalize its collaboration with Alabama's Farm to School Program as we work together to expand access to agriculture education, school gardens, local food systems, and hands-on learning opportunities for students across Alabama. Through this partnership, "JVTF" and Farm to School will share resources, highlight successful programs, and explore new opportunities to connect students with food, agriculture, and healthy communities.

### Who we are

Today, JVTF operates eight Teaching Farms and eight Hydroponic Classrooms across Birmingham City Schools, creating outdoor and indoor learning laboratories where students engage with science, math, history, nutrition, agriculture, and culinary arts through real-world experiences.



- Our flagship Good School Food program reaches more than 5000 students each year
- through standards-based, food-centered education delivered during the school day, after school, and through community programming. Beyond growing produce, we cultivate confidence, leadership, critical thinking, and pathways to future careers.



We envision communities inspired by food and transformed by youth. Whether students are harvesting their first tomato, preparing a healthy meal, exploring agricultural careers, or leading projects in their schools and neighborhoods, [Jones Valley Teaching Farm](#) helps young people discover their ability to create a healthier future for themselves and their communities.



## Where we are headed with Farm to School

As interest in agriculture education and local food systems continues to grow, [JVTF](#) looks forward to working alongside Farm to School partners throughout Alabama to cultivate deeper connections between students, educators, communities, and local producers, creating opportunities for young people to learn where their food comes from while strengthening pathways for Alabama-grown products to reach Alabama Schools.



### Learn More About Jones Valley Teaching Farm:

[Jones Valley Teaching Farm](#) is committed to cultivating healthy students, thriving communities, and a stronger local food system through food-centered education. Learn more by visiting our website at [jvtf.org](http://jvtf.org)

"Farm to School represents the best of what can happen when educators, farmers, community organizations, and state leaders work toward a shared vision. We are honored to strengthen our partnership with Alabama's Farm to School Program and contribute to a growing network of individuals and organizations committed to helping students better understand food, agriculture, and their role in building healthy communities.

- **Jack Maruna, Director of Partnerships - JVTF**