



MEMORANDUM

TO: School Food Authorities
FROM: The Department of Agriculture and Markets - Division of Agricultural Development
DATE: 10/13/2022
SUBJECT: Allowing Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program (LFS) & Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) Fund purchases to count towards the 30% NYS Initiative

The Local Food for Schools Cooperative Agreement Program (LFS) will sub-award SFAs currently participating in the National School Lunch Program to purchase unprocessed or minimally processed domestic and local food from local or regional producers, with a priority of purchasing from small businesses and socially disadvantaged farmers/producers. These purchases do not have to include NYS products, as long as they are local, which this program defines as “farmers, ranchers, producers, processors, distributors, Food Production/Distributor located in the state or within 400 miles of the delivery destination”. Therefore, if SFAs use LFS funds to purchase eligible **New York State** food products, those purchases will count towards an SFA’s 30% threshold. Additionally, LFS funds will not need to be included as revenue in an SFAs application for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Supply Chain Assistance (SCA) funds were provided to SFAs through the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to alleviate anticipated challenges of the ongoing supply chain disruption. SCA funds will not need to be included as revenue in an SFAs 30% NYS Initiative application for the 2022-2023 School Year. Eligible purchases may also count towards the 30% NYS Initiative threshold.

For more information, please refer to AGM’s webpage for the [30% New York State Initiative](#), or contact the 30% Team at AGM via email: 30percent@agriculture.ny.gov or by phone: (518) 485-1050.