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# 2020-21 Northeast Farm to School Institute

A unique year-long professional learning opportunity for selected school, district, or early childhood teams from New England and New York.

## Summer Retreat

June 29–July 1, 2020  
Shelburne Farms, VT

Details @ [vtfeed.org/neftsi](http://vtfeed.org/neftsi)

## Benefits of Participation

### FARM TO SCHOOL ACTION PLANNING

During the retreat, participants develop an integrated, school-wide farm to school action plan that incorporates curriculum, local procurement, utilizing outdoor learning spaces, and cultivating family and community connections.

**COACHING SUPPORT** School teams are paired with an experienced farm to school coach from their state's network. Teams will communicate and meet with their coach throughout the school year to assist in implementing and adapting the action plan to the specific needs of each team.

**NETWORKING WITH PEERS** At the retreat, individuals and teams will have the opportunity to share innovations, join in dialogue, and share food and fun with other teams from across the Northeast.

### TEACHER & NUTRITION STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

All team members receive a certificate of participation. School nutrition staff receive continuing education/training hours for their time. Teachers may opt to receive graduate credits through Castleton University. Additional fees and coursework required. Contact us for details.



## Application & Commitment

**Identify a team (4-6 members for schools and early childhood, 5-7 for districts) comprised of:**

- School nutrition directors or managers
- Teachers / educators
- Administrators or curriculum coordinators
- School wellness staff
- Parents, school board, or community partners
- District-level administrator (for district teams only\*)

*\*For district teams, identify one or two schools in your district in which you will focus efforts on implementing a farm to school action plan that can serve as an example for other schools within the district.*

**If accepted, submit a \$900 program fee by May 1, 2020** to secure the team's spot. Program fee includes the cost of room and meals at the Summer Retreat for the entire team. Limited scholarships are available. Coaching costs are paid through grant funding.

**Attend the three-day residential Summer Retreat** at Shelburne Farms for team planning time and connecting with peers and farm to school experts June 29–July 1, 2020.

**Participate in team meetings with your coach as you implement your action plan during the school year, and join a virtual gathering in late spring of 2020.**

Apply @ [bit.ly/neftsi2020](http://bit.ly/neftsi2020)

Applications due February 14;  
notification of acceptance by mid March.

Questions? Contact Jorge Yagual at [jyagual@shelburnefarms.org](mailto:jyagual@shelburnefarms.org).

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