

Schools today face growing demands to meet local sourcing requirements, but many lack the resources and infrastructure to effectively connect with small, local producers.

## GROWING FORWARD BRIDGES THIS GAP.

Through Gold Star Foods' national supply network, **Growing Forward creates a seamless link between local farmers and school kitchens, ensuring fresh, locally grown food reaches students efficiently.** Our proven system simplifies the complexities of local sourcing by managing:

- ✓ Vendor selection & vetting
- ✓ Food safety compliance
- ✓ Point of Origin reporting
- ✓ Reliable procurement and distribution

By leveraging the logistics of USDA programs, we integrate local producers and manufacturers into the national school food supply chain, ensuring that fresh, nutritious food makes it to students' plates—effortlessly.

With industry expertise, strong partnerships, and unmatched distribution capabilities, Gold Star Foods is committed to helping schools, farmers, and USDA programs thrive—together.

# HARVEST OF THE MONTH

Bring farm-to-school to your menu with Growing Forward Harvest of the Month, but availability is limited while supplies last, so place your orders today!



**Thomcord Grapes**

823308 // GRAPES THOMCORD // 150 CT

*Sunny Cal Farms* Reedley, CA  
*Critchley Family Farms* Reedley, CA



**Grape Tomatoes**

*While  
Supplies  
Last*

880008 // TOMATOES GRAPE DROP // 12/1

*Tierra De Esperanza Organic Farm* Salinas, CA



**Nectarines**

820552 // NECTARINE // 70-84SZ // 25LB/100 CT

*Herrera Farms* Del Rey, CA, *Trinity Fruit* Fresno, CA  
*Kingsburg Orchards* Kingburg, CA



**Carrots w/Tops**

*While  
Supplies  
Last*

880006 // CARROT TOP ON // 24 CT BUNCH

*Tierra De Esperanza Organic Farm* Salinas, CA  
*Jessie's Organic Farm* Salinas, CA



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**THE School Nutrition Supply Chain™**

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Through Growing Forward, your schools are actively supporting California farmers while delivering fresh, locally sourced produce straight to students' plates. This initiative strengthens local supply chains, boosts regional agriculture, and ensures students receive high-quality, nutritious foods every day. It's a win for farmers, a win for schools, and most importantly, a win for the students you serve.



**Tierra de Esperanza**  
Salinas, CA 93908

- ✓ Woman Owned
- ✓ Minority Owned
- ✓ Small Farm
- ✓ Grower
- ✓ Open to School Speaking
- ✓ Open to School Field Tours



**Critchley Family Farms**  
Reedley, CA 93654

- ✓ Family Owned
- ✓ Large Farm
- ✓ Grower/Packer/Shipper
- ✓ Available for Farm Tours
- ✓ Available for Speakers at Schools



**Jesse's Organic Farm**  
Salinas, CA 93908

- ✓ Minority Owned
- ✓ Small Business
- ✓ Grower
- ✓ Available for Speakers at Schools
- ✓ Available for Small Group Tours



**Herrera Farms**  
Del Rey, CA 93616

- ✓ Small Business
- ✓ Family Owned
- ✓ Minority Owned
- ✓ Global Cap Certificate
- ✓ Grower/Packer/Shipper
- ✓ Available for Small Group Tours
- ✓ Available for Speakers at Schools



**Kingsburg Orchards**  
Kingsburg, CA 93631

- ✓ Family Owned
- ✓ Veteran Owned
- ✓ Available for Speakers at Schools



**Sunny Cal Farms**  
Reedley, CA 93654

- ✓ Woman Owned
- ✓ Family Owned
- ✓ Minority Owned
- ✓ Small Farm
- ✓ Grower/Shipper
- ✓ Available for Farm Tours
- ✓ Available for Speakers at Schools



**Trinity Fruit**  
Fresno, CA 93711

- ✓ Certified Organic
- ✓ Family Owned
- ✓ Produce Grower
- ✓ Available for Speakers at Schools
- ✓ Available for Farm Tours

*Need help planning a  
Farm-to-School Event?*

The Growing Forward Team can support with menus, flyers, events, and educational materials making it easy to bring the Farm to your schools.

**Contact your School Nutrition Manager and  
Customer Experience Representative for Market Pricing**



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