Louisiana Harvest of the Month (LA HOM)
The Louisiana Harvest of the Month (LA HOM) Program is designed to bring Louisiana agricultural products into participating schools. Each month, one local food product is highlighted throughout the school. The product is purchased through the school and served in the cafeteria as a meal, snack, or taste test. LA HOM allows schools and districts to start small and grow at the rate at which they feel comfortable. The Louisiana Harvest of the Month Tool Kit and other resources are available on our website, www.SeedstoSuccess.com

How It Works
Louisiana Harvest of the Month features ready-to-use tools and resources that can be utilized in a variety of ways within a school environment. Through LA HOM, educators are equipped to offer students hands-on opportunities to explore, taste, and learn about the importance of eating fresh, local food (see reverse side for a list and description of available materials).

All program materials can be downloaded for free when you create a LA HOM team (see instructions on reverse side). We will provide additional activities, recipes, student assessments, and a wealth of resources to help teams implement a successful program.

LA HOM provides the opportunity for collaboration among educators, child nutrition staff, school administrators, students, parents, farmers, local media, and retail outlets—all of whom are striving to increase knowledge of, access to, and preference for healthy, local foods.
Step 1: Form a team and complete the contract.
Schools must have a team of two or more individuals willing to implement Harvest of the Month. Team members may consist of child nutrition directors, school nurses, administrators, teachers, students, parents, master gardeners, county extension agents, or other community members. Once a team has been established, submit the LA HOM contract by visiting: https://lsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8Gnly92eThMvUq1.

Step 2: Create a profile on MarketMaker.
This profile will help you find local farms and food products. Visit la.foodmarketmaker.com to customize your profile.

Step 3: Meet with your team to make a plan.
Decide on a plan of action. Will you have a taste test of raw products, or will products be incorporated into cafeteria menu items? Begin setting goals and dates for showcasing Louisiana Harvest of the Month items at your school. To receive technical support or procure additional materials, contact the Louisiana Farm to School team at louisianafarmtoschool@agcenter.lsu.edu.

Harvest of the Month Materials
Registered LA HOM sites receive a packet of printed materials that includes eighteen 11x17 posters, one Seasonality Chart, and one roll of I Tried It stickers. Registered sites also receive access to electronic versions of all printed materials in addition to the resources listed below.

Activities, Guides & Resources
- Coloring Pages
- Recipes
- Cooking Demonstration Videos
- Lessons & Lesson Compendium
- Taste Test Guide
- LA HOM Tool Kit
- LA HOM 101 Guides
- LA HOM School Year Calendar
- Seasonality Chart for Louisiana-Grown Produce
- I Tried It! Sticker Template
- Participation Letter
- Farmer Checklist & Conversation Guide
- School Guide for Local Food Purchasing

Promotional Materials
- 18 Posters
- 18 Newsletters
- 18 Menu Templates
- 18 Social Media Images
- 18 LA HOM Logos

Lessons
Our lessons for grades 3-5 can be adjusted to accommodate other age groups and are connected to the Louisiana Department of Education Science Standards.

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