

Pennsylvania Farm to School Network Success Story:

UNIONVILLE-CHADDS FORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Chester County, PA



In late summer 2023, before the start of the school year, **Unionville-Chadds Ford School District** food service staff worked with the [PA Beef Council](#) and Executive Chef Barry Crumlich of the Pennsylvania Governor's Residence to develop a baked pasta recipe using locally sourced beef and tomatoes. The recipe development was in preparation for PA Preferred Day which would be held in October to celebrate National Farm to School Month. Food service staff purchased ground beef from [Katt and Mathy Farms](#) in Landberg, PA, and tomato sauce from [SIW Farms](#) in Chadds Ford, PA, to create the dish.

"Farm to School is one of the food service department's most important initiatives, particularly in light of the rich agricultural history of the Unionville-Chadds Ford area," said Devon Sundberg, MDA, RD, LDN, Foodservice Supervisor. In addition to purchasing ingredients from local farmers and producers, the District maintains school gardens, including a greenhouse and indoor hydroponic tower.

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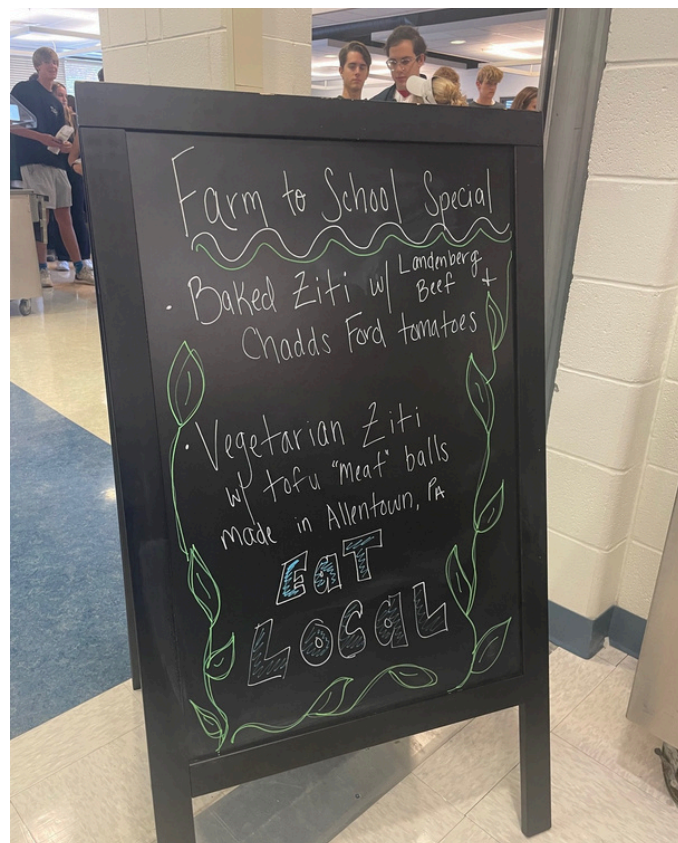
**-Devon Sundberg, MDA, RD, LDN,
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Students have received education from beekeeping experts and the [Mobile Agriculture Lab](#), a 40-foot mobile classroom that travels across the state bringing an interactive field trip style experience directly to schools.

In October, when PA Preferred Day was on the horizon, the menu was posted on the Food Service departments social media page and printed on monthly menus in the cafeteria, highlighting the local farmers the ingredients were sourced from. Food service staff also purchased fresh pears from [Shanesville Fruit Farm](#) in Boyertown, PA via [The Common Market](#), a regional wholesale food distributor. The local meal was a huge success and very well received by students and school staff.



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