## School Spotlight

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<th>Food service director:</th>
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<td>Tamara Yarmon</td>
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<th>Regional location:</th>
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<th>Number of students:</th>
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### How We Got Started

“We have a strong belief in providing foods which are produced by local farmers. The food is fresh, colorful, and supports the local economy.”

### Successes and Goals for Next Year

“A success this year was increasing local meat purchases. My goal for next year is to continue to bring more local products to the menus.”

### Community Partnerships

“The most important community partners are the farm and food businesses we purchase from most often. They are helping us to make it all happen.”

### Omaha Public Schools' Local Food Rule

Omaha Public Schools defines local as produced within a 240 mile radius from its district office.
**WHERE WE PURCHASE**

- Smart Chicken (Tecumseh, Nebraska),
- Rotella’s Bakery (La Vista, Nebraska),
- Farm Fresh (O’Neill, Nebraska),
- Pekarak’s Produce (Dwight, Nebraska),
- A&T Farms (Yutan, Nebraska),
- Daniel’s Produce (Columbus, Nebraska),
- Heldt Farms (Ashland, Nebraska),
- International Spices (Fremont, Nebraska),
- Small’s Fruit Farms (Mondamin, Iowa),
- Union Orchard (Union, Nebraska), and
- Various school food distributors.

**FAVORITE LOCAL MEAL**

“The favorite is chicken drummies in ranch, spicy, and barbecue.”

**FAVORITE LOCAL FOOD TO USE ON THE MENUS**

“I don’t have a ‘favorite’ – I love them ALL!”

**DID YOU DO ANYTHING UNIQUE TO PROMOTE NEBRASKA THURSDAYS?**

“Everyone wore red Nebraska shirts on Nebraska Thursday lunch day.”