A School Garden Market is a student-run farm stand located on school property and managed by staff of that school. SGMs offer schools an exciting opportunity to engage community members in the school garden, create a healthy food access point and fundraise to support food education and garden programming!

This season:

- **12 schools** from all 8 wards participated
- More than **200 students** volunteered
- Schools sold **$8.7k and 3.7k lbs** of produce, and averaged **$108 in profit**
- The produce was purchased by parents, teachers and school staff, students, and community members
- Most schools sold a combination of garden grown items and items purchased from regional nonprofit food hubs

If you are interested in starting a market at your school, visit dcgreens.org/school-garden-markets for more information
Our Vendors

The Common Market
A distributor of local farm foods who connect institutions and communities with good, local food

Community Foodworks
A local food hub that connects MD and VA farms with DC farmers markets, customers, and community orgs

Dreaming Out Loud
A food and economic justice non-profit operating as an urban farm, farmers market, and food hub

Season Highlights

We asked our community to donate (old) reusable grocery bags and they did. Then that activity inspired a kid-driven environmental club to donate 60 (new) reusable grocery bags that they purchased with bake sale funds. We also donated produce to Food Rescue USA at a value of $322 rather than put it in the waste stream.

- Amy Jagodnik, Mann ES

The team of 5th graders who ran the market had a blast with it. They were all excited to make 'resumes' with their work experience, and took a lot of ownership about running the market. 4th graders who noticed got really excited and have started competing for their spots on next year's 5th grade team.

- Allison Goodman, Barnard ES

'When will the market open?' I heard this question often in the early spring from students, staffs, and parents, which shows that our School Garden Market is recognized as a part of the school culture and a tradition that happens every season.

- Ryoko Yamamoto, Capital City PCS

The market has gotten very popular at Tubman, so much so that teachers are upset when we miss a week due to holidays.

- Chris Cox, Tubman ES