

SNAP-Ed IMPACTS

IN WAUPACA COUNTY

NUTRITION EDUCATION

Teaching about healthy eating and active living.

Over the last three years, FoodWise has worked with Lincoln Elementary School to implement Harvest of the Month, a campaign that encourages children and families to eat more fruits and vegetables by featuring a seasonal, Wisconsin-grown fruit or vegetable each month. Students had the opportunity to taste, explore, and learn about the featured food through classroom lessons and hands-on activities. Harvest of the Month materials were also displayed in the school garden to reinforce learning and promote fresh, local produce.

COMMUNITY REACH

IN WAUPACA COUNTY

FOODWISE NUTRITION EDUCATION ANNUAL REACH:

- ▶ 362 youth
- ▶ 49 adults

TOTAL LEARNING INTERACTIONS IN FY2024:

- ▶ 1,466 youth engagements
- ▶ 63 adult engagements



WHAT OUR PARTICIPANTS SAY

Harvest of the Month has been in place at Lincoln the past two school years. In that time, I've seen student willingness to try the new foods increase to the point where nearly all students will try the introduced food, often times in the form of a recipe incorporating the particular vegetable or fruit. This has been great way for our students to learn that they like foods they previously perceived as something they would not like. Awesome!

- PRINCIPAL AT LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Working to make healthy choices easier and more accessible.

In 2024, FoodWise partnered with the Wisconsin Food Hub Cooperative to help schools and food pantries access more locally grown foods. Through Farm to School initiatives and Local Foods Promotion Grants, this partnership increased access to fresh, local produce for families and individuals with limited incomes. FoodWise connected food service directors at Clintonville and New London school districts to the Food Hub, helping them purchase and serve more local foods in school meals. As a result, three food pantries in Waupaca County and 28 other pantries in northern Wisconsin are now receiving fresh, Wisconsin-grown foods from the Food Hub to share with their guests.