

# Looking for some inspiration?

Take a look at past grant recipients what some of their projects included:

**Grafton Public Schools** – Planted fruit trees, classes with an area greenhouse, and classes on using fresh produce.

**Academy for Children** – Designed a curriculum on urban agriculture and build and planted planters.

**Lincoln Elementary** – Created a vegetable garden, worked with residents at the local nursing home, learned about water consumption and conservation.

**South Prairie Elementary** – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade class did a unit of edible plants and fruit trees and bushes were planted.

**Williston State College** - Students started a community orchard.

**Fessenden-Bowdon** – FFA students began a vegetable garden. Produce was exhibited at the fair, sold as part of a marketing project at the local farmers' market, and donated to the local food pantry.

**Ashley Public School** – Planted a vegetable garden as an outdoor classroom. Students learned about sustainability and nutrition. Produce was donated as part of the Hunger Free ND program and used in the school cafeteria.



**GST Special Education Unit** – Created raised beds and grew vegetables and herbs.



**Kulm School** – Created a chemical free garden using raised beds. Pests were removed and fed to the classes' frogs. Had lessons on plant life cycles, pollution and conservation, nutrition, and Earth Sciences.

**Wishek Public School** – Started a school vegetable garden and a farmers’ market for their community.

**McClusky High School** – Created a vegetable garden with produce being used for fair exhibits and sold at the local farmers’ market.

**Hebron Public School** – Planted a vegetable garden in raised beds, took a field trip to the Bismarck community gardens, and used the fresh vegetables in the healthy snacks program in the elementary school.

**Past participants also included:**

Glen Ullin Public School  
Dakota Prairie High School  
Washington Elementary  
Adams-Edmore High School  
Century Elementary  
Grimsrud Elementary School  
Mott/Regent Public School  
Richland 44 High School  
Rolette Public Schools  
Hazen Elementary School  
Beulah Public School  
Center/Staton Public School  
Tate Toppa Tribal School  
Valley-Edinburg Public Schools  
Hettinger Public School  
Kindred Public High School  
Hazen High School  
Burlington/Des Lacs Elementary  
TGU Granville High School  
New Rockford/Sheyenne  
South Heart School District  
Bowman County High School  
Stanley High School  
Tappen High School  
New Salem High School  
Grant County Schools  
Circle of Nations Wahpeton Indian School  
North Dakota State University Extension Service- Sioux County  
North Dakota Youth Correctional Center, Mandan  
Cankdeska Cikana Community College, Fort Totten  
Medina Public School  
Linton Public School  
North Dakota State University Department of Plant Sciences  
West Fargo High School

# Here's what the students at the Youth Correctional Center near Mandan had to say about their school garden

"I wasn't here for the planting, but I did learn that you can't grow certain vegetables because we live in a cold climate. The stuff you can grow is corn, Indian corn, potatoes, bell peppers, heads of lettuce, peas, tomatoes, and so on. Some of the stuff that you can't grow is bananas, oranges, and other foods that won't grow in a colder climate.

North Dakota is a short growing state; meaning spring to fall is the best time to grow your vegetables. Because, if you plant in spring then you will have to take them out before, or at the beginning of fall, because that's the time when it starts getting cold in North Dakota. I also learned when you plant vegetables its best to not use chemicals because chemicals can be very harmful to people; especially when people put too many chemicals on the vegetables.

Squash or tomatoes are ready the tomatoes are red; or you can pick them and you can set them in a window sill for a while until it turns red or ripens, squash could be yellow, greenish yellow, or orange."

**M.**

"I learned many gardening techniques from what I was shown to do here at YCC, and with my experience that I've had when I was home. What I learned from gardening is that it takes patience and a lot of hard work. Gardening has helped me learn patience by waiting for the plants to grow. We grew Indian corn and regular corn, squash, potatoes, cucumbers, pumpkins, tomatoes, carrots, winter onions, lettuces, bell peppers, peas, gourds, cauliflower, and broccoli. They turned out pretty good.

I love gardening. I was a very hard worker. I wanted to get done to see how everything worked out, and what did not work out. So that I knew what I needed to do to grow the crop appropriately the next time I want to plant it."

**P.**

"It was a great experience! I loved being involved with learning new ways to plan and dig up different things. Things I didn't even know before, I know now.

The garden is something! I definitely hope it continues and others are able to learn as much as I did."

**B. T.**

"What I learned is that the task of gardening is a wonderful experience that offers many things. I learned how to dig for potatoes, cut down corn stalks; I also managed to get a lot of exercise out of working in the garden. I learned that placing cans around the plants and rusting them helps the plant grow.

I found that growing a garden is often helpful, providing fresh fruits and vegetables for schools, I fell from my knowledge that I can start a garden of my own someday."

**C.L.**