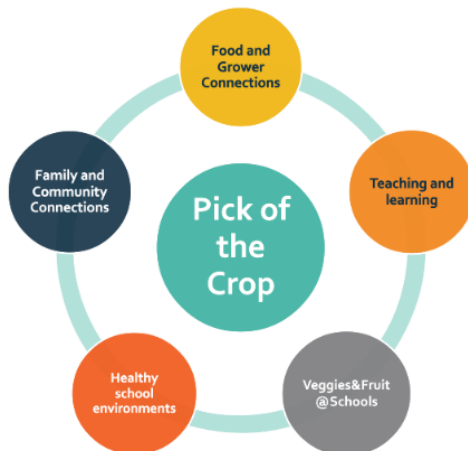


Food and Grower Connections - Overview

Pick of the Crop is a whole school healthy eating initiative, aimed at increasing the opportunities for primary school students in Queensland to learn about and eat more vegetables and fruit.

Schools who participate in Pick of the Crop develop locally designed actions across five components, which include connecting schools with growers, producers, and agriculture businesses.



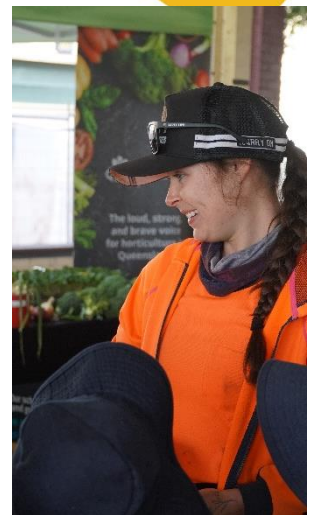
The Food and Grower Connections component of Pick of the Crop aims to connect school children with local growers.

Connecting with Queensland growers

Pick of the Crop supports schools wanting to provide opportunities for their students to experience and see all stages of 'Paddock to plate' or 'Farm to fork'.

This includes starting with healthy soils to planting through to processing, packing and transportation, before produce ends up on the plate.

Examples of how schools are connecting with growers includes students visiting a local farm or the purchase of resources supporting learning on agriculture and growing veggies.



Why?

Benefits for connecting with growers and agriculture businesses include:

- Assist teaching students where food is grown.
- Develops students' food literacy, which supports healthy eating behaviours.
- Align teaching and learning within the Australian Curriculum, using interactive and hands-on opportunities.
- Establish new or build on existing partnerships with farmers or businesses.
- Foster ongoing relationships that may benefit the whole school community.
- Encourage students to consider potential careers.

Pick of the Crop is available to Queensland state primary schools. To find out how you can join the initiative, visit: www.hw.qld.gov.au/pick-of-the-crop.

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